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Make Your Voice Heard in the Alito Nomination

TO THE EDITOR:

If you get a moment, you might find it interesting to call Oregon's two U.S. senators to ask if they support a written dissent of Samuel A. Alito, the federal judge recently nominated for the U.S. Supreme Court by President Bush.

In 1991's *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey*, Alito argued that the state of Pennsylvania could legally compel women to inform their husbands of their decision to pursue an abortion. There was, of course, no state law requiring husbands to inform their wives if they slept around and got someone else pregnant—in fact, the very idea that the state could legally force a man to tell his wife something so private and personal has never been proposed by anyone, including religious conservatives.

The Supreme Court rejected Alito's position, declaring it a selective "undue burden" on women.

Oregon's Democratic U.S. senator, Ron Wyden, agrees with the Supreme Court. I called his office and asked if he thinks women can be selectively compelled by the state to inform their husbands of an abortion; whether they should have unequal status in a marriage; and whether they should, in effect, be subservient to their husbands. The immediate answers are, reassuringly, no, no and no.

Oregon's Republican U.S. senator, Gordon Smith, has a different response. His staffer, when asked whether he agreed with Alito that women can be selectively compelled by the state to inform their husbands about such private matters and whether wives can be legally reduced to subservience, told me, "Sen. Smith has not taken a position" on these matters!

I suggested that the fact that he needs to think about this—about whether women can be selectively forced by the state to a lesser position within a marriage than men—was appalling.

Smith is up for re-election in 2006 and can be contacted at 202-224-3753 or 503-326-3386. Wyden can be contacted at 202-224-5244.

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Portland

Support for Ted Wheeler

TO THE EDITOR:

GLBT voters are fortunate to have a strong, qualified candidate for chair of Multnomah County who supports gay marriage. That candidate is Ted Wheeler. While we appreciate the courage it took for the current county chair and the other county commissioners to stand up for our rights, there are many other vitally important community issues at stake under the leadership of the chair.

Multnomah County needs a change in its leader. The poor management choices of our current chair have damaged the credibility of county government among the majority of county residents. Multnomah County provides essential services in our community to our most vulnerable and struggling populations: mentally ill, families living in poverty, people with disabilities. As anyone involved in the campaign to defend the temporary income tax from repeal will tell you, voter willingness to continue to fund vital community services is seriously at risk when the public doesn't have confidence in the leader.

Single-issue support for Chair Diane Linn sends a message that we as lesbians and gay men care only about our issues. In fact, many members of the GLBT community need the services of the county, too. They

access HIV services, domestic violence services, after-school programs for our children, and alcohol and drug treatment programs, to name a few. We are ignoring their dependence on efficient, accessible county services when we don't hold our leaders accountable for doing a poor job.

The people of Multnomah County deserve a chair who can lead with credibility; who can get along with the entire County Commission, which must be led as a team, not a lone ranger; and who effectively manages the limited resources.

A vote for Ted Wheeler is a vote that will help the GLBT community—don't let anyone tell you otherwise. We encourage the GLBT community to learn more about Ted and the skills, experience and leadership he would bring to county government. Ted is a supporter of the lesbian and gay community and deserves our support as the best candidate to lead county government. As the campaign unfolds, there will be many opportunities to meet Ted. We hope you will take the time to meet him and see why we are enthusiastically supporting him for Multnomah County chair.

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Portland

Why I Am Working for Ted Wheeler

TO THE EDITOR:

When we were afforded equal rights to marry for a brief period, it was an exhilarating time for our community. As a longtime member of the Portland LGBT community, I rejoiced with everyone.

Because of this, I do not take lightly that I have chosen to be the campaign manager for Ted Wheeler, who is running to replace the county chair. I worked in the county's anti-poverty program for seven years in the 1990s, and I have spent most of my life working on issues of economic disparity. I know how essential county leadership, funding and services are to low-income people in our community. But county government no longer has credibility among its residents, relationships between the county and the nonprofit service providers are fractured, and many of my former co-workers report that morale has never been so low. We, as a community, cannot let the primary local government that serves low-income people continue to destruct. We must work for new leadership.

I met Ted Wheeler last May. Three things immediately struck me about him: He has the experience, skills and proven record as a businessperson to lead a complex, diverse organization; he has the passion for and experience with county services from being a volunteer leader in local community organizations and local government; and he shares my values for human dignity, inclusive leadership and working to make Multnomah County a shining example of government at its best. I urge the LGBT community to learn about Ted Wheeler at www.wheelerforcountychair.com and vote for the leader who can best represent the needs of all people in our community.

BARBARA WILLER

Ted Wheeler for Multnomah County Chair

Acknowledge All County Commissioners

TO THE EDITOR:

Elections are coming! Candidates have begun lining up their supporters, obtaining endorsements from key