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[REDACTED] We don't need to put this on the ballot. We have a law already on the books and a ruling from the Supreme Court that locks our law down tight. You and I know that this has nothing to do with "good government" and everything to do with politics. The President, our Governor and the Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives all agreed before Christmas that a Constitutional Amendment was not needed. Then they say the polling and changed their minds and now want to use this as a campaign issue. I'm not biting.

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Dear Senator Murphy,

This week, there will be attempts to bring the Defense of Marriage proposal through the senate. The citizens on Minnesota deserve to have the opportunity to decide whether or not we should amend the constitution to protect our legal definition of marriage from activist courts. Can I count on you, as my state senator, to support the effort to get the defense of marriage proposal on the November ballot?  
Steve.

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