



Marriage -

YES!

The **Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force (VFMTF)** is elated that the **Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court** has affirmed the right of gay and lesbian couples to enter into civil marriage.

The **Massachusetts** decision is a tremendous step forward. It recognizes the fact that civil rights are rights that apply to **ALL** people.

Since its inception, the **Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force** has been committed to full and equal legal rights for gay and lesbian Vermonters including, in particular, the legal right to marry. We knew that Vermont's historic **Civil Union** legislation was only a step on the long road to equality. We have approached the marriage issue as a long-term effort that will continue to require work over a period of time.

Carl Schurz, abolitionist, soldier, statesman, and writer, said, "If you want to be free, there is but one way; it is to guarantee an equally full measure of liberty to all your neighbors. There is no other."

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