Below you will find sample wording for two different letters to the editor. Note that there are also two options for each letter. Feel free to use the one that fits within the word limits your newspaper accepts or to draw from these to create your own letter. If the elected leaders of your state (Attorney General, Governor, etc.) are defending marriage, please include a note of thanks to them as well.

**Sample Letter to Editor 1 (150 Words)**
Just weeks ago, the Supreme Court heard arguments for and against redefining marriage in America. Marriage between a man and a woman is the basic unit of society. So, marriage is too important an institution to be left in the hands of judges. Statistics show that when a man and woman make a marriage commitment, it increases their economic productivity, financial success, personal health, and happiness. Since marriage also produces children, it is of great importance to the continuation and stability of society.

Academic studies show over and over that kids raised by their married mom and dad are most likely to be successful. Bottom line: Redefining marriage dilutes what has worked since the beginning and ignores the fundamental needs of children. Government should seek to reinforce natural marriage, not redefine it. We the people, not the judges, need to decide what constitutes marriage.

**Sample Letter to Editor 1 (250 Words or Less)**
Just weeks ago, the Supreme Court heard arguments for and against redefining marriage in America. Though marriage between a man and a woman has existed since the beginning, the time-honored institution is under fire. For nearly 20 years, the debate has raged. Before federal judges began to overturn marriage laws, 30 states had protected natural marriage. Now the High Court is poised to decide for us all.

Honestly, I don’t believe they have a right. Marriage is too important an institution to be left in the hands of judges. Marriage between a man and a woman is the basic unit of society. Statistics show that when a man and woman make a marriage commitment, it increases their economic productivity, financial success, personal health, and happiness. Since marriage also produces children, it is of great importance to the continuation and stability of society. Academic studies show over and over that kids raised by their married mom and dad are most likely to be successful.

Bottom line: Redefining marriage dilutes what has worked since the beginning and ignores the fundamental needs of children. Every child needs a mom and a dad. So, government should seek to reinforce natural marriage, not redefine it. I say let the people, not the judges, decide what constitutes marriage.
Sample Letter to Editor 2 (150 Words)
Just weeks ago, the Supreme Court heard arguments on the definition of marriage in America. Marriage is a positive way for a man and a woman to share long-lasting commitment to each other and their children. It is a timeless institution and the foundational unit of society. Making marriage no different than any other adult relationship makes the marriage commitment less meaningful and easier to disregard.

The definition of marriage affects all of us and the American people will not accept a Court-imposed 50 state mandate redefining it. The state level is the proper place for this issue to be decided. The Court should not overturn laws passed by the people.

Bottom line: Redefining marriage ignores the fundamental needs of families and children and government should seek to reinforce natural marriage, not redefine it. I say let the people, not the judges, decide what constitutes marriage.

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Marriage between a man and a woman might seem outdated to some, but the natural family is the cornerstone of community and a stable nation. Study after study shows that a loving commitment between a man and a woman in marriage offers the best environment for healthy and happy children.

The definition of marriage affects all of us and the American people will not accept a Court-imposed 50 state mandate redefining it. The state level is the proper place for this issue to be decided. The Court should not overturn laws passed by the people.

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