

Email from **Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP**

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Dear Mr Dexter

Thanks for your email.

I have read your article and I appreciate the clarity with which you argue your case but I disagree with you. There are of course married couples who cannot have children so I am not persuaded that your grounds for the distinction between marriage and civil partnerships holds. And my view is that if two people of the same sex want to show express their commitment in marriage then we should welcome this.

Thanks very much for writing.

Best wishes

Hilary Benn