

Email from **Rt Hon. Elfyn Llwyd MP**

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Dear Friend

I thank you for writing to me recently. As you will appreciate this is a difficult matter to deal with and I do appreciate that there are two highly entrenched opinions that cannot, it seems, be reconciled.

Whilst grappling with this question I do believe that it is appropriate to consider the whole issue of equality before the law. All citizens regardless of sex or their sexual proclivities deserve the same protections and privileges which the law can offer. In applying this I have to consider that it would be contrary to the scriptures but then we live in a society where secular opinions are also to be considered.

What I am saying is that this question is probably the most difficult one that I have faced in many years of political life and I am still listening carefully to the opinion of others, not least the constituents I have the honour to represent.

I have not reached a settled position but I have always taken the notion of equality before the law to be vital both in my legal and also political career.

Thank you for writing to me with your views which will further inform my thinking.

Yours sincerely

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