



**“SHE’S ONE OF THE FAMILY.”**

*~Tessie Guillermo, whose sister Pauline (center) recently married her partner of eight years, Jill.*

*Jill easily fit into our family right from the start. We’re a big family—30 altogether! Every Friday night, we all get together. My mom and dad cook a family meal and Jill squeezes in between Pauline and me at the dinner table.*

*She’s not just Pauline’s partner—she’s one of the family.*

*In our culture, marriage means so much. We were thrilled when California at last let Jill and Pauline get married. The personal and legal commitments are important, but married couples also need to be supported by their family, friends, and the community. That’s why we support and celebrate their marriage.*

**STRONG COMMITMENTS. STRONG FAMILIES.**



**AS CALIFORNIA’S GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES MARRY, THEIR FAMILIES GROW STRONGER.**

**AND WHAT’S GOOD FOR FAMILIES IS GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.**

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