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Religious groups join, fight gay marriage in court

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A coalition of religious organizations has come together to urge a federal appeals court to uphold same-sex marriage bans in Utah and Oklahoma, saying unions between a man and woman are best for children, families and society.

The argument is being made in a 42-page brief filed Monday afternoon to a Denver-based court reviewing cases that could reverse gay marriage bans in Utah and Oklahoma.

Lawyers for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote the brief, which was signed by the National Association of Evangelicals and Southern Baptist and Lutheran organizations.

The religious groups say opposite-sex marriages are sanctioned by God as the best setting for raising children.

They say accusations that their opposition to gay marriage represents bigotry are "false and offensive."