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**The Domestic Partnership Law allows Washington families to protect their loved ones and guarantees they will be treated fairly in times of crisis.** It provides essential protections to those who would otherwise live without a safety net.

### **Some of the protections in the law include:**

- ✓ Right to use sick leave to care for a seriously ill partner
- ✓ Death benefits for partners of police and firefighters killed in the line of duty
- ✓ Pension benefits for partners of teachers and other public employees
- ✓ Victims' rights

**Washingtonians want to treat their neighbors with fairness.** More than 190 organizations and congregations across Washington State support the domestic partnership law. A full listing of the organizations working to keep the Domestic Partnership Law, and information about what you can do to help can be found at [www.Approve71.org](http://www.Approve71.org)

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