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9 the outcome of this case in the long run.

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12 lot of difference in the types of people that are there, having

13 those legal protections is everything. It's important for

14 these kids that don't have ready access to all types of people

15 to at least feel like the option to be true to yourself is an

16 option that they can have, too.

17 And that's what I hope for. I hope for something for

18 Kris and I, but we are big, strong women. You know, we are in

19 a good place in our lives right now. So we would benefit from

20 it greatly, but other people over time, I think, would benefit

21 in such a more profound life-changing way.

22 MR. OLSON: Thank you, Ms. Stier.

23 Thank you, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Very well. You may cross examine Mr.

25 Raum.