

NFL Pro Bowler David Tyree Doesn't Regret Gay Marriage Stance



David Tyree, right, talks with reporters about his views against the same-sex marriage bill at the Capitol in Albany, N.Y., on June 20. (AP Photo/Hans Pennink)

Former New York Giant David

Tyree has been under intense media scrutiny for some gutsy statements he made about gay marriage in an online video produced for the National Organization for Marriage.

Tyree says he recorded the video because he opposes the notion of gay marriage and wants to voice his opinion.

In the video, the former Pro Bowler warned that anarchy could result in the U.S. if homosexuals are legally allowed to marry. He also said gay couples can't successfully raise a child.

"I am not political," says Tyree, whose famous "helmet catch" was the defining moment of Super Bowl XLII. "I believe there is right and wrong. I think many things are subjective, but truth is not. Marriage [between a man and woman] is the backbone of our society."

Now, Peter Grandich, founder of Trinity Financial Sports & Entertainment Co, is speaking out in support of Tyree. Grandich applauds him for saying what many believe and don't have the courage to openly state.

"He is a courageous man to say what so many others will not

for fear of retribution, yet David is strong in his conviction and that comes first. I admire his passion and faith," Grandich says. "What David has really said was he chooses not to go against the will of his God and that his Lord's words must come before man's. This is not Tyree vs. gays but a God-fearing man's willingness to stand firm in his beliefs. I wholeheartedly agree with him."

Grandich feels many in the media are taking cheap shots at Tyree because they don't share the same opinion. "This is America, where freedom of speech is not just guaranteed, but is one of the foundations upon which our country was established," Grandich says. "Though the media is certainly free to report David's opinions, I say shame on them for chastising him for standing up for his beliefs."