

Dear Chair Klemin and the Members of the Judiciary Committee

I urge a "Do Not Pass" on HRC 3013.

I am a North Dakota citizen who has been in my 'traditional' marriage for over 10 years now and I view this bill as an absolute waste of time and money. My queer friends, family, and fellow North Dakotans should have the right to have their partnerships recognized and respected just as much as straight folks. Their joy and love does nothing to damage my life and marriage; should we not want others to be able to enjoy the same rights and abilities as ourselves? As far as religious concerns, I firmly believe the USA is for everyone and no one religion should be held above others or used for basis of law. Many religions allow for same-sex marriages, and they and non-secular citizens should not be forcibly excluded from the right of marriage just because it makes some others uncomfortable.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.

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