

Dear Chair Klemin and the Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am writing to urge a “Do Not Pass” on HRC 3013.

This resolution is a waste of everyone’s time. I firmly believe HRC 3013 is an injunction against the religious liberties of Americans. Marriage as an institution has changed culturally throughout time and the insistence that *Obergefell v. Hodges* “arbitrarily and unjustly rejected the definition of marriage,” is ridiculous.

Every North Dakotan and every American deserves the right to marry a partner regardless of their gender, biological or otherwise.

HRC 3013 further disenfranchises the youth of America from successful and prosperous futures. We all want the future generations of North Dakota to grow up happy, healthy, and hopeful to give back to their communities, but HRC 3013 severely impacts their ability to do so if they do not have an equal opportunity to create and raise a family regardless of their romantic partner choice. I would hate to see the future children of North Dakota robbed of that freedom.

As a lifelong resident of North Dakota, I urge the Judiciary Committee to vote “DO NOT PASS” on HRC 3013. Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,

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