

Dear Chair Klemin and the members of the Judiciary Committee,

I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HRC 3013.

As a woman married to another woman for 16 years and mother of two children, I can speak from personal experience about how same-sex marriage has deeply enriched our lives and provided essential rights that should be available to all couples, regardless of gender. Before marriage equality, we faced legal hurdles that made simple things like health insurance coverage, tax benefits, and inheritance rights far more complicated than they needed to be. Same-sex marriage has granted us the legal protection and recognition that affirm our commitment to each other and to our family. It ensures that we have the same rights as any other married couple to make medical decisions for one another, to share financial security, and to raise our children in an environment that legally acknowledges our love and partnership. This is not just a matter of personal comfort, but of fairness and equality—our marriage, just like any other, deserves the same respect and protection under the law.

I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HRC 3013 as my family, just like your own, deserves the same rights and protections as everyone else.

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

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