

To Whom It May Concern,

I ask that you kindly vote to **oppose** the HB 3013 to be presented on 2/17/2025. This bill claims to call on our construction for support. However, this bill directly contradicts what our constitution has explicitly deemed to be the most important American right, the freedom to choose.

This bill indicates that the decision of Obergefell v Hodges was “not respecting the decision of the founding fathers of our constitution”, when there is no factual validity to that statement. It also calls out that this causes collateral damage to other areas such as "our religious liberty", while failing to acknowledge that the churches themselves have deemed same sex marriages valid. The church, which we acknowledge is still the purest form of religion, has deemed same sex marriage within the validity of religion.

As such, I would ask that you, as representatives, focus on instead what your desired outcome is at its core. Is it a loving and healthy marriage? Is it a home that fosters love? Or is to control what you believe to be "best", without consideration of the uniqueness in the ways to obtain your desired marriage outcome. We can agree that the end goal should be a healthy and loving marriage. Adding set gender definitions will not guarantee that, that I can say for certain.

I appreciate your time and ask that you seriously ask yourself what the end goal is.. and when you've come to that answer, I ask that you oppose this bill with the concession that this bill does not directly guarantee the desired outcome. The highest court in the land got it correct when they rendered the decision in Obergefell. I strongly urge you to respect the law of the land, and to oppose this bill.

Thank you.