

## TESTIMONY OF LISA EDISON-SMITH IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3013

Committee Members,

My name is Lisa Edison-Smith and I offer this testimony in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 3013. I am one of five generations of Edisons calling North Dakota home for over 100 years. I am a mother, grandmother, and an attorney licensed to practice law in North Dakota since 1997. I was fortunate to marry my wife, Penny Andrist, in First Presbyterian Church in Fargo nearly nine years ago. Our marriage has been a source of incalculable joy, stability, and spiritual support to both of us, our traditional families, our church family, and our families of choice.

HCR 3013 is a dangerous, misguided resolution that encourages the open defiance of the U.S. Constitution by suggesting that the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly can simply “reject[ ] the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.” This resolution is yet another example of the unceasing and tone-deaf attempts by certain “culture warriors” to divert from the real business of governing for the benefit of the people and families of the state of North Dakota.

The vilification of the LGBTQ community is genuinely hurtful and unbecoming to this committee and, in fact, unworthy of your consideration.

I urge the Committee to REJECT HCR 3013 and to get on with the business of governing for the benefit of the people of North Dakota.

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