Mr. Chairman and Committee Members

I urge you to recommend DO NOT PASS on House Resolution 3020 proclaiming 'Kingship of Jesus Christ over all the world."

I am saddened to see our ND legislators introduce a resolution against religious liberty. Religious liberty is foundational to the United States and any government proclamation or law that holds one religion, in this case Christianity, over any other.

While proponents may say that this is not technically a 'law' and therefore is not unconstitutional, it clearly infringes on the religious liberty that is guaranteed by the First Amendment.

I will defend anyone's right to speak their religious beliefs in their homes, churches and in the public square, but using one's governmental office to put one's beliefs over those of other citizens is wrong.

I strongly urge the committee to vote DO NOT PASS on HCR 3020 and to discourage lawmakers from introducing further measures and resolutions, in the future, that infringe on our citizen's constitutional rights. Resolutions and bills like this take away too much of the limited time our legislature has to pass meaningful legislation that serves constituents in meaningful ways.

Thank you for your consideration.

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