

February 12, 2025

Dear Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Anita Tulp and I am writing to you in reference to HCR 3020. I sincerely request that you vote "Do Not Pass" on this resolution.

As a Christian, I hold Jesus in my heart as King and do my best to follow his example and principles He demonstrated himself. I do not believe that Jesus would want or expect to named King for any political reasons or to be used by any governing body that may or may not have his practices in mind. His authority comes from God and is a very spiritual thing for each person that believes in Him. I do not believe it would be appropriate to force this belief on anyone else. Making this proclamation in this resolution will only ostracize those who do not believe and marginalize their ability to be heard as fellow North Dakotans.

Jesus would be mortified with this behavior! Matthew 21:5 states, "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt the foal of a donkey.'" Jesus often rejected socializing with the rulers and leaders of his time opting to share a meal with the lowly tax collector, lepers, and other that were seen as "unclean." He was chastised for that by leaders, yet he continued to teach and be seen with those that were rejected by society, that were labeled unclean, and those that did not know or recognize him.

Jesus calls us to be like him, not to become some kind of power-hungry rulers that will drive out those that he also considers his children even though they may not know him.

Passing this resolution will not bring us "great blessings." We are already blessed with the opportunity to share his love to every person in our state without requirement of believing in Jesus or even acknowledging Jesus. Recognizing that every person has value and is precious in Jesus' eyes is the only way to truly serve Him.

Please vote "Do Not Pass" on HCR 3020. Thank you for your time.