

**North Dakota Legislative Council**

State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Honorable Members of the North Dakota Legislative Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 3020 (HCR3020), which urges the state of North Dakota to acknowledge the Kingship of Jesus Christ. While I respect the personal beliefs of all individuals, I believe this resolution is in conflict with the principles of religious freedom guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the fundamental values of our diverse state.

The United States Constitution, specifically through its First Amendment, guarantees two key provisions related to religious freedom. The Establishment Clause prohibits government entities from establishing, advancing, or promoting any particular religion. The Free Exercise Clause, on the other hand, ensures that individuals and groups are free to practice their religious beliefs without government interference. These provisions are designed to protect both religious individuals and non-religious citizens, maintaining a fair and neutral stance regarding religious matters at the government level.

By urging the formal acknowledgment of the Kingship of Jesus Christ, HCR3020 not only aligns the state with a specific religious view, but it also risks undermining the constitutional separation of church and state. Such an act could inadvertently send the message that North Dakota prefers one religion over others, or over non-religious perspectives. This, in turn, could alienate residents of diverse faiths or those who do not subscribe to any religious belief.

Religious freedom in North Dakota should remain a cornerstone of our society, where all individuals can practice their beliefs without government endorsement or interference. There are pressing issues facing our state—such as economic development, healthcare, education, and infrastructure—that demand the time and attention of our legislative body. Diverting attention to the religious declarations of HCR3020 does not address these real challenges and does not serve the diverse needs of North Dakotans.

For the well-being of all our citizens, I urge you to reconsider HCR3020. Let us continue to uphold the values of freedom, inclusion, and respect for all religious and non-religious perspectives in our state.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope you will give my concerns full consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Allen