

February 13, 2025

Dear Representatives,

I am writing in opposition to HCR 3020:

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution has provisions concerning religion, prohibiting state sponsored churches, and guaranteeing the right of every citizen the freedom of religion. HCR 3020 is going against the U.S. constitution. The very foundation of our democracy.

If ND passes this resolution, it is essentially saying that the U.S. Constitution doesn't apply to our state, that ND doesn't care about religious freedom, and if we've learning anything from World History religious persecution, The Inquisition, Salem Witch Trials, the Holocaust, the ones that declare themselves true believers were also the ones that did the genocide.

ND has a choice, a choice to follow what the framers of the U.S. Constitution fought for, religious freedom, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Religion is deeply personal to the individual, you would be forcing beliefs on people who don't want it.

I urge you to vote Do Not Pass.

Thank You.

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