

Statement of Opposition for SB 2264

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Dear Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Lisa Pulkrabek from Mandan - District 31. I am writing to you in strong opposition to SB 2264.

Men and women are different but equal. We were created to compliment each other physically, emotionally and spiritually. Marriage is a covenant and a contract designed by God and honored by humanity for millennia. The purpose of marriage is to love one another, yes but also to bring new children into the world. That can only be done with one man and one woman. That is why I believe it is important to keep the definition of marriage the same as it has been.

Society is best served when the traditional family unit of one man and one woman commit themselves to each other through marriage and raise their children together. Studies have shown that children who live with their biological parents do better in school, graduate at a higher rate, take fewer dangerous risks, commit fewer crimes, and are economically better off than their counterparts who are raised in homes without both a male parent and a female parent.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/children-do-better-when-raised-in-intact-two-parent-homes/>

<https://wng.org/sift/cdc-children-do-best-with-two-biological-parents-1617252332>

<https://dailycitizen.focusonthefamily.com/kids-need-a-mom-and-a-dad-thats-what-the-research-shows/>

The breakdown of the traditional family unit over the last 60+ years has brought this country into the sad state it is today. Words matter! If they didn't, we wouldn't have anyone asking to change the language. Keeping the marriage language traditional is the best step to teaching our next generations that the previous norm is still the norm, it is the most healthy option for both married couples and any children that may come from their marriage. It is the best option for society as a whole.

Again I urge: do not pass on this bill.

Thanks for your time, consideration and dedication to ND!

Lisa Pulkrabek