Senate Judiciary Committee HCR 3013 March 12, 2025

Chair Larson, Vice Chair Paulson, and members of the Committee,

My name is Katie Christensen Mineer. I am a parent, educator, and active community member in Fargo. I submit this testimony in opposition to HCR 3013.

There are many reasons to oppose this resolution, starting with the simple truth that all people deserve to love and be loved. Resolutions like this do real harm—not just to those in same-sex marriages, but to our entire state.

This resolution sends an unwelcoming message that makes it harder to recruit and retain quality workers, weakening our workforce and economy. It also contributes to a culture that isolates and harms young people, who already face higher rates of bullying and stigma.

North Dakota has real challenges to address—our time and energy should be spent on issues that actually matter to the people of this state, not on divisive resolutions that deny dignity and respect to our neighbors.

## HCR 3013 deserves a DO NOT PASS recommendation.

Sincerely,
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