

Testimony in Opposition to HCR 3013

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Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today in strong opposition to HCR 3013, a resolution urging the United States Supreme Court to redefine marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman. This resolution does not reflect the values of equality, fairness, or the fundamental principles of freedom upon which this country was built.

Marriage is a fundamental right that should not be restricted based on gender. The Supreme Court's landmark ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015) affirmed that same-sex couples are entitled to the same dignity, legal protections, and recognition as opposite-sex couples. Overturning this precedent would strip countless individuals of their legal rights, disrupt families, and send a harmful message that some relationships are less valid than others.

Denying same-sex couples the right to marry does not protect traditional marriage—it only serves to discriminate. Families headed by same-sex couples are just as loving, stable, and capable of raising children in a nurturing environment as any other family. Love, commitment, and family values are not exclusive to heterosexual couples.

Moreover, public opinion has overwhelmingly shifted in favor of marriage equality. A significant majority of Americans support the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals to marry whom they love. Laws should reflect the will of the people, not impose outdated and exclusionary definitions of marriage that serve no purpose other than to alienate a portion of the population.

Instead of revoking rights, we should be focused on policies that promote inclusivity, economic growth, and social stability. Discrimination in any form has no place in our legal system. I urge you to reject HCR 3013 and stand for the fundamental principle that all Americans, regardless of whom they love, deserve equal rights under the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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