

March 9th, 2025

Dear North Dakota Senate Members,

I write today in opposition to the bill HCR 3013 urging the US Supreme Court to restore the definition of marriage to a union between one man and one woman. I urge all legislative members to remember how far we have come in the past decade in securing rights for our fellow LGBTQ+ members. Members of the LGBTQ+ community are present in our own families and contribute successfully to our society at large. They deserve the same rights as heterosexual couples.

I have the honor and privilege to serve members of the LGBTQ+ in my own practice as a mental health therapist. I have seen first hand how members of this community have fought for their rights and the rights of their loved ones. Some have spent years being discriminated against solely for the fact that they love someone of the same gender. We do not need to go backwards. I urge you to protect our LGBTQ+ community members' rights by voting in opposition on bill HCR 3013.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Steele', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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