

Dear Chair Larson and the members of the Judiciary Committee,

I urge a Do Not Pass on HCR 3013. This cruel, wasteful bill is nothing but faux-virtue posturing for media attention and to seek public approval from only the most extreme conservative voters. LGBTQIA+ North Dakotans deserve our support and protection from the worst among us, not the constant barrage of threats to their lives and livelihoods they have experienced over the past decades. The eventual goal of this bill will destroy families, and for what?

Because regardless of the moral and ethical issues here, this bill is an enormous waste of taxpayer money and legislative time. Continuing to introduce, debate, vote, and force through blatantly unconstitutional bills like this one (and many others this session) does nothing of value but waste our limited resources. North Dakotans are depending on you to address real, critical concerns like employment, inflation, child care, education, health care access, and support for our farmers and ranchers. North Dakotans voted for smaller government reach and more personal freedoms, and whether you like it or not, this is the opposite of both. Stop wasting our time and money on useless, cruel, nonsense bills and do the job you were elected and are being paid to do.

I'm going to say that part again.

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Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,
Jessica Hawkes