

Dear Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HRC 3013.

Marriage equality has been federal law in the United States for exactly ten years. I celebrated its passing in 2015 with the Supreme Court’s decision in Obergefell v. Hodges.

I strongly condemn this resolution, which seeks to deny a basic human right. This resolution ultimately does nothing to help the people of North Dakota. Rather, it actively seeks to harm those who have a same sex marriage, or who wish to be married in the future.

The right to marry must continue to be assured to all Americans, gay and straight alike. Please help the Legislature get back to working on things that will improve the lives of North Dakotans and give HRC 3013 a “Do Not Pass” recommendation.

Thank you for your service to our state,
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