

Greetings. I am a 57-year-old, lifetime resident of North Dakota, and have spent all my post graduate school years living in Fargo, providing health care to the residents of our state.

I would strongly advise an oppose vote on the following

HCR 3013. I believe all people deserve a right to marry if that is a value important to them, regardless of the gender of the person they love; as a country we agreed to this, and gave that right in 2015, let's not go back in time in North Dakota. Committed couples deserve what marriage affords, not just those who choose to have biological children.

I have a number of friends and co-workers in gay marriages. Those who we are lucky enough to have living and working in this state feel less and less welcome, and safe, when bills like this get drafted and supported. We have lost, and will continue to lose, fine people who make big contributions to the state if we continue to deny equal rights to those different from ourselves.

Thank you sincerely for your service to the people of our district and this state. Regardless of the party to which you identify, I trust you chose to serve for the right reasons, and I highly applaud your sacrifice!

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