

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Senate Judiciary
Chair and Committee Members

HRC 3013: Oppose

I, Dawn Kopp, reside in Bismarck where I also own property in District 32. I am frustrated and ashamed that the ND House voted in favor of HRC 3013.

HRC 3013 is a hurtful resolution that has the potential to harm many people in North Dakota - not just individuals in same sex marriages but also their families, friends, employers and more. For nearly an entire decade, same-sex marriage has been legal across the United States, which has helped lessen discrimination based on sexual orientation. Taking away this right is cruel and is wholly unnecessary. Human beings should not be judged on who they love and with whom they choose to spend their lives. If two consenting adults are fortunate enough to care about and love one another to the point they choose to marry, it should be celebrated not denied.

Supporting same-sex marriage is good for North Dakota as it shows that our state cares about the lives, health, and happiness of all citizens along with their families and those they support including employers. North Dakota has had an abundance of open jobs for decades. Taking away rights of North Dakotans is bad for business. If people don't feel supported or that they don't belong due to the loss of rights, they will relocate someplace where they do feel wanted and our state will lose out on their talent and skills.

I strongly encourage your DO NOT PASS recommendation and opposition to HRC 3013.

Best,



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