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Senate Judiciary Committee
North Dakota State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Written Testimony in Opposition to HCR 3013

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HCR 3013, which seeks to reaffirm a definition of marriage that has been unequivocally settled by the United States Supreme Court. As an attorney with over a decade of experience in civil law, I recognize the importance of legislative clarity and the rule of law. This resolution is not only unnecessary but also directly conflicts with established constitutional precedent.

The Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. 644 (2015), affirmed that same-sex couples have a fundamental right to marry under the Fourteenth Amendment. This ruling rendered state bans on same-sex marriage unconstitutional, ensuring that marriage equality is the law of the land. HCR 3013 ignores this legal reality and sends an exclusionary message that undermines the rights of North Dakotans.

Legislation should serve the interests of all citizens and respect the constitutional framework under which our nation operates. HCR 3013 does neither. Instead, it attempts to relitigate an issue that courts have conclusively resolved, diverting attention from more pressing matters currently facing North Dakota.

As an attorney and resident of this state, I urge you to reject HCR 3013 and uphold the constitutional rights of all North Dakotans. Rather than revisiting settled law, our legislature should focus on policies that promote inclusivity, economic growth, and the well-being of our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dani Krause

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