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Senate Judiciary Chair & Committee members:

My name is Renee Newton and I am in opposition of HCR 3013. While this is just a letter saying the legislators representing EVERYONE in the state want to see Obergefell v Hodges overturned, it is a message to all in the state that same-sex marriage is not to be honored. I was married to a man for 28 years. How many of you can say that? Now that my marriage is a same-sex one, does it mean less? Should it mean that on my dying bed, my wife should not be allowed in the room? I don't think that's anyone's choice but mine. If the Supreme Court overturns the decision that made it legal for same-sex marriage across this country and it is left up for the states to decide, what happens to all of the couples already married? Do all of those legal rights gained by marriage just dissolve? What about insurance coverage? Transfer of property? End of life decisions? There are more questions than answers here.

I urge you to recommend a DO NOT PASS on this resolution.

Sincerely,
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