

Testimony in Opposition to HCR 3013,

I am strongly OPPOSED to the concurrent resolution urging the United States Supreme Court to restore the definition of marriage to a union between one man and one woman.

I miss the days when North Dakota was more Libertarian, when nobody cared what their neighbors were doing as long as it didn't affect others. This made for such a welcoming environment, knowing that people could be themselves and hold their freedoms in the way they saw fit. It's what I used to love about our state, that one can have a different lifestyle that doesn't affect anyone around me, and that's okay. The law should never infringe on the rights of consenting adults to make choices that don't harm anyone else. Two consenting adults choosing to marry each other does not infringe on your rights, nor cause you any harm. However, voting to restrict this right does irreparable mental harm to thousands whose rights you would be threatening to take away, and potential future harm to the legal rights of people who just to freely love another person.

Therefore, it seems to me religion is the only reason this resolution is being considered, which makes it entirely unconstitutional. The only logical vote for HCR 3013 is NO.

Sincerely,

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