

Testimony in Opposition to HCR 3013

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Chairperson and members of the committee,

The fight for same-sex marriage is not just a battle for equal rights—it's a fight for the very essence of **freedom**, for the right to live authentically, unapologetically, and without compromise. Love is not a crime, and no law should ever make us feel less than human for loving who we choose. This is not just about marriage—it's about power, control, and the relentless pursuit of justice. The state does not own our bodies, our love, or our lives.

And let's be crystal clear: the separation of church and state is non-negotiable. We will not stand by while religious institutions, steeped in centuries of oppression, continue to dictate our civil rights. **The government must serve the people**, not any one set of beliefs. It's time to abolish the influence of religion over our laws once and for all. Our lives, our love, our rights are not up for debate, and we will not accept theocracy in disguise. We demand a world where love is free, where the government stops bowing to religious authority, and where equality is the baseline, not the exception. Please recommend a **Do Not Pass** on HCR 3013.