

Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am opposed to HCR 3013 because it is Anti-North Dakota and Anti-Family as well as against Article I Section 1 of the ND constitution.

I have known many individuals who are LGBTQ, and I can tell you that it isn't a choice. These are kind and generous individuals who are productive members of our society. If you want to state that we want our laws to be based on the bible then, I ask that you remember that the Bible prohibits wearing wool and linen in on garment see Leviticus 19:19 and Deuteronomy 22:11 so let's make these fabrics illegal. While we are at it lets get into Deuteronomy 22:9 and make sure that two crops cannot be planted side by side. Let's also make all football teams illegal since they touching of a skin of a dead pig is against the bible Leviticus 11:7. I can go on because the Bible has many others, including selling children, stoning relatives for violation of the Bible, and more.

Since the resolution states that there is 800 years of tradition on this, then please request that the Supreme Court overturns Loving v Virginia which outlawed interracial marriage. That was decided in 1967, and North Dakota only had that law in place from 1948 to 1967. Should we go after that one next? How about Brown v Board of Education of Topeka Kansas 1954 or Heart of Atlanta Hotel, Inc. v United States 1964? That list also can go on and on.

It is Biology and since God doesn't make mistakes, then God made them this way.

I know that Republicans are the party of freedom, responsibility, and less government. Going after someone for who they love or spend time behind closed doors seems contrary to freedom that is stated in the resolution. If liberty is Individual Freedom, what right does the government have to tell people who they can marry.

The North Dakota legislative body should be more concerned with governing than with deciding whose rights trump others as well as whose love trumps another individual.

Thank you for your time.

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Citizen.