

Senate Judiciary Committee
March 10, 2025
Regarding HCR 3013

Chair Larson, Vice Chair Paulson, and members of the Committee,

My name is Patrick Mineer. I submit this testimony in opposition to HCR 3013.

One thing I find so impressive about North Dakota is our ability to both be fiercely independent while also working with and sometimes relying on our neighbors to get through the tough times. This blend of independence and community has led to amazing outcomes for our state.

This resolution supports neither of those two qualities. It doesn't favor independence, as it supports the state telling our citizens how they should live their lives or who they should love. It doesn't favor community, because it dehumanizes a minority, telling them they can't have the same rights as the majority simply because they are different, they are somehow less, they are broken.

Not only is this resolution misaligned to core North Dakota values, but it goes further by damaging our brand across the nation. Rather than being seen as a state that respects everyone and supports our community members, it shows that we only respect people that are like the majority, and that you're not welcome if you're not. This will have a damaging effect on our ability to attract people to our state.

Please recommend a do not pass on HCR 3013.

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