

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee

I Urge you DO NOT PASS HCR 3013.

We are North Dakota residents that have been Married for 11 Years. My husband is also a Veteran who fought for our country. We Originally came from different states and have made this our home for the past 15 years. We got married in Moorehead MN back in 2014 and we live in Bismarck. We are both in the construction field and have made many supportive friends. We have not had any bad experiences with people here but this is Not North Dakota Nice. We are just living our lives and would like the same Rights and Freedoms as Traditional Marriage.

There are thousands of family's that have been great parents whether They are Gay, Straight, or they are a single parent who has lost their spouse, single parents who have been in a divorce, or just single parents in general that had to have kids thru adoptions or surrogacy. No couple needs to procreate to be married. No couple needs their marriage to be recognized by someone else's church. The choice to marry or divorce, to have kids whether natural or adopted or to not have kids at all is a right to everyone who makes these choices. It should not be up to the court system to bring in religion to justify hateful laws to govern how they feel these families should live Their lives.

Love should be a right of everybody. The LGTBQ+ community is a minority in this state and we need you to do the right thing to use your voice to protect us and our rights!

This Bill is trying to take away my ability to be with the person I love and Married to be by his side in his darkest hour. This Bill will only make the hateful anti LGBTQ+ rhetoric even more powerful.

Please do not take away our rights that we have fought for and deserve. Destroying Marriages should not be on the list of things that need to be done.

Again I am asking that you DO NOT PASS HCR 3013

Thank you for your time,

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