

I am writing to convey my opinion and thoughts in opposition to HCR 3013. I am writing to you as a supporter of my fellow North Dakotans who are currently and someday hope to enjoy the beautiful union of marriage. I see this union as something sacred and beautiful for all to have access to. This bill asks to strip away rights that have already been determined and should be upheld. The resolution language itself talks about infringement on religious rights and attempts to point out that marriage was defined as being between one man and one woman for 1,000 years. However I would like to point out that for at least 1,000 years women were also treated as property in many parts of the world. Does this mean we should not have been given the rights we now have today? No. We, as a civilized society should be working towards equality for all of our citizens. A marriage is a legal contract between 2 consenting adults. Our government requires us to have a marriage license to complete a legally recognized marriage. This means no one religious standpoint or view should be allowed to govern someone who is seeking a legal contract and doesn't subscribe to said particular religion. Religion is to be separated from state. Our government has a duty to represent all citizens. What HCR 3013 is asking for does not represent all citizens and it most definitely doesn't speak for all voters in ND. I implore you to vote no on this!