

North Dakota Senate Judiciary Committee
North Dakota Legislative Assembly
600 E Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505

March 11, 2025

Re: VOTE NO on HCR 3013

Dear Chair Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write in strong opposition to HCR 3013, “a concurrent resolution urging the United States Supreme Court to restore the definition of marriage to a union between one man and one woman.”

Rep. Foss made a powerful speech on the floor of the House before the unfortunate 52-40 vote. He stated how hurtful such a resolution is to many of our fellow North Dakotans, whose marriage does not fall into this restrictive definition, but who love their partners and their children, want their union to be recognized, and want to have end-of-life privileges to be in the same hospital room with their loved ones when the time comes.

Rather than repeating his moving words, let me provide some statistics that speak for themselves:

Ahead of the House hearing of HCR 3013, there were 30 testimonies IN OPPOSITION, and only 9 IN FAVOR (in reality, 8 because two were submitted by the same person). **That’s three times as much opposition** to this resolution—and three times as much support for the Supreme Court’s approval of same-sex marriage—as to the contrary.

Further, according to a recent poll conducted by the North Dakota News Cooperative and reported in the *Forum* (March 5, 2025), **more than half of polled North Dakotans agree with the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to guarantee same-sex couples the right to marriage**: “Of the respondents, 56% said they sided with the Supreme Court’s decision, while 36% said they agreed with the North Dakota House’s recent resolution asking the Supreme Court to overturn same-sex marriage and define marriage as exclusively being between a man and woman.” More than half of your constituents, in other words, support same-sex marriage.

I urge you, therefore, to uphold your constituents’ opinions whom you were elected to represent, and the majority of whom oppose this resolution, rather than a dozen legislators.

Vote RED on HCR 3013.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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