

I am writing in favor of retaining the legal ruling to allow gay marriage. My daughter, who is a highly educated professional, married my daughter-in-law last year. They did so, legally, in hopes to be able to have the same legal rights as any married couple.

God created this child of mine who is perfect in his eyes. She is not a mistake, nor are any of the other gay individuals. They deserve to be treated equally. Discrimination needs to end. If North Dakota is wondering why young people leave this state, this is one reason.

I am a lifelong resident of this state. I am highly disappointed the state continues to revert to "the good old days". We need to be present and be progressive. We need to be advocates for our children so they are able to enjoy the rights any traditionally married couple can.

Please vote in favor of retaining their rights.

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