

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HCR 3013, which seeks to redefine marriage exclusively as between a man and a woman. This resolution not only disregards the rights of many North Dakotans as well as all Americans but also sets a concerning precedent that undermines the values of equality, personal freedom, and respect for all individuals.

Marriage, as recognized by the Supreme Court, is a fundamental right that should not be restricted based on outdated definitions. Efforts to reverse progress on marriage equality risk harming families, communities, and the foundational principle that all citizens should be treated fairly under the law. Instead of revisiting restrictive policies, we should focus on legislation that unites rather than divides, ensuring that all Americans—regardless of sexual orientation—are granted equal dignity and protection.

In addition to being a concerned resident of North Dakota, I am also a mother to a gay child. This is hurtful and embarrassing that we are even talking about this resolution, but it is imperative that this not go any further.

I urge you to oppose HCR 3013 and stand for the principles of fairness, freedom, and inclusion that strengthen our nation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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