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Dear Senators of the ND Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to you as a lifelong resident of North Dakota to express my strong opposition to HCR 3013. I urge you recommend a DO NOT PASS and to consider the harmful, discriminatory impact of this proposed resolution on our state and its people. HCR 3013 is an inappropriate overreach of religious belief into our local government system and is deeply rooted in intolerance.

In 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in Obergefell v. Hodges that same-sex couples have the right to marry in all 50 states. It was deemed unconstitutional for states to prohibit same-sex couples from marrying, and per the Fourteenth Amendment all U.S. states would be required to recognize same-sex marriages. The majority of Americans and North Dakotan's are in favor of such protections and support. HCR 3013 is discriminatory, divisive, and sends a clear message that same-sex couples are not worthy of the same rights as privileges as opposite-sex couples, including social security, taxes and inheritance. It sends the message that same-sex couples are not worthy of recognition, period.

HCR 3013 is not about protecting values for North Dakotan's, it is a blatant and harmful attack on same-sex couples and families. As a woman happily married to a man, I've never had to worry about my marriage being not being recognized by the state or the threat of my marital rights being taken away. As an ally to the LGBTQ+ community, I worry a great deal about the negative repercussions of HCR 3013 on same-sex couples and families.

I strongly urge you to recommend a DO NOT PASS on HCR 3013 and do what is best for ALL North Dakota families.

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