

Esteemed Members of the 69th Legislative Assembly,

Our names are Mr. and Mrs. Cody and Sam Hazzard-Bradley and we are writing to you today in regards to our great concern regarding HCR 3013 and are strongly urging you to give HCR 3013 a “Do Not Pass” recommendation and to vote in opposition to this bill should it appear on the Senate floor.

We are greatly concerned as this bill is a violation of the rights and liberties of North Dakotans to choose to join with one another in legal congress and, as evidenced by the majority of testimonies for HRC 3013 being testimony “In Opposition” to the bill, is not actually representative of what the vast majority of North Dakotans actually want.

This bill is unnecessary, and, quite frankly, a waste of the time of the people of North Dakota. It seeks to say that the Legislators of the State of North Dakota presume to think that they understand more about the Constitutional Law of the United States of America than the literal experts that sit on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS).

Additionally, in 2022 the United States Congress passed H.R. 8404 - also known as the Respect for Marriage act which is generally explained on [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) as an act that “provides statutory authority for same-sex and interracial marriages.”

H.R. 8404 in conjunction with and in addition to Obergefell v. Hodges makes same-sex marriage the law of the land in our great country.

In addition to this, HCR 3013 is not only in opposition to the law of the land from multiple departments of the United States Legislative Branch of government, is not accurately the wish of the citizens of North Dakota and is in direct opposition to the Declaration of Independence which indicates that “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” are unalienable rights and marriage to a person of one's choosing regardless of your own sex or the sex of your chosen partner would be included within all three of these unalienable rights.

As such, we would like to again urge you to give a “Do Not Pass” recommendation on HCR 3013 and to vote in opposition of this bill should it appear on the Senate floor.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and service to our state.

Respectfully,

Mr. and Mrs. Cody and Sam Hazzard-Bradley