

March 11, 2025

Senate Judiciary Committee

**Re: Testimony in opposition to HCR 3013**

Dear Chairperson Diane Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

I am submitted this testimony in strong opposition to HCR 3013, a resolution urging the US Supreme Court to redefine marriage as exclusively between one man and one woman. This resolution seeks to overturn Obergefell v. Hodges (2015), a ruling that affirmed same-sex couples are entitled to the same dignity, legal protections and recognition as opposite-sex couples.

This resolution is not only regressive and divisive but openly legislates discrimination as well as seeks to isolate and harm a group of individuals that only wish to enjoy the same rights and protections opposite-sex couples have enjoyed for centuries.

In a time where North Dakotans are asking, "how do we keep our young people from leaving the state and encourage more families to settle here?", perhaps the answer has been staring most of you in the face for a very long time. Our young adults are leaving for more welcoming states where opportunities and equality abound. Young families are turned away by bigoted attitudes and "not in my backyard" sentiments. This state will not continue to prosper if its laws and a very vocal minority espouse such intolerant, hate-filled ways. Bills and resolutions such as HCR 3013 openly defy the will of the majority of ND citizens who have affirmed more forcefully each time they are asked: "do you support same-sex marriage"? YES. Resoundingly, a majority say YES.

As a nearly life-long citizen of this state, I find myself wondering more with every passing day if this is really where I want to spend the rest of my life. With each new, draconian bill, however, I find myself looking for a different place to call home for myself and those I love.

ND Legislators, you've said time and time again that your priority this session is "property tax reform", yet your actions speak otherwise. You are wasting valuable time and resources fighting to take rights away from the residents of this state instead of doing that which you were elected to do. It's time to stop legislating your restrictive personal beliefs and start focusing on promoting economic growth, property tax relief, healthcare reform and policies that encourage people from all over to be welcomed to our state to share in the potential of all it has to offer.

The choice is yours. I urge you to give a resounding DO NOT PASS to HCR 3013.

Sincerely,



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