RE: HCR-3013

I am writing to you as a concerned constituent regarding the proposed legislation to ban same-sex marriage. I strongly oppose any efforts to reverse the progress we have made in ensuring equal rights for all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation.

Marriage is a fundamental human right, and it is crucial that we continue to protect the ability of same-sex couples to marry and build their lives together. Denying same-sex couples the right to marry not only discriminates against them but also undermines the principles of equality and freedom upon which our country was founded.

By allowing same-sex marriage, we are ensuring that all families have the same legal rights and protections. These protections are vital for issues such as inheritance, healthcare, adoption, and legal recognition of relationships. I believe that every individual, regardless of whom they love, deserves the same rights and respect under the law.

I urge you to stand against any efforts to ban same-sex marriage and instead continue to support policies that promote equality, inclusivity, and justice for all citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that you will make the right decision to uphold the rights of all people in our state.

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