

RE: Opposition to HCR 3013

From: Jill Nelson, Fargo

Please accept this as my written testimony opposing this resolution. This resolution is hateful, harmful, and in direct opposition of my personal values and the value of personal freedom. We need to maintain our constitutional right to the separation of church and state. If your religious beliefs are guiding you to support this resolution, please keep that business in your church and do not attend a wedding of two people of the same gender if your church were to endorse that (which I doubt it would). You are free to hate everyone you want in the name of religion, but you were voted in as a LAWmaker. You are not to make laws to force your religion on others.

Someone else's marriage cannot possibly harm you. It is none of your business, just as your marriage is none of theirs. Drop it. Leave it alone. And now PLEASE focus on things that actually matter – like education, infrastructure, and supporting the citizens of North Dakota. Not targeting people.