

Subject: Testimony in Support of Marriage Equality in North Dakota

Dear Chairman Klemin and members of the ND House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for the recognition and protection of same-sex marriage in North Dakota. As a married heterosexual woman with a male spouse, I know firsthand the profound significance of marriage—the love, commitment, and stability it brings to a relationship. That is why I firmly believe that same-sex couples should have the same right to marry as my husband and I do.

I have friends who are in same-sex marriages, and they are some of the most wholesome, loving, and dedicated people I know. They have built strong, supportive families and contribute positively to their communities. Their relationships are based on the same values that marriage is meant to uphold—love, respect, and commitment. To deny them legal recognition and rights simply because of their gender is unfair and goes against the fundamental principles of equality.

Marriage is not just a legal contract; it is the foundation of family and community. When two people love and commit to one another, their gender should not determine whether their relationship is valid in the eyes of the law. My marriage is not threatened by same-sex couples having the same rights—it is strengthened by a society that values love and commitment for all.

North Dakota is a state that values family, fairness, and freedom. Recognizing same-sex marriage aligns with these values by ensuring that all families are treated with dignity and respect. I urge you to stand on the right side of history and support marriage equality for all North Dakotans. Make us proud to live here.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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