

Testimony Against HRC 3013

Senate Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I come before you not just as a citizen, but as a person who believes in the fundamental values of love, dignity, and equality that our nation stands for. I strongly oppose HRC 3013, which seeks to ask the Supreme Court to reverse its ruling on same-sex marriage a ruling that has granted millions of Americans the legal recognition, protection, and respect they deserve.

For nearly a decade, marriage equality has been the law of the land, affirming that love is love, that families built on love deserve the same protections as any other, and that no government should have the power to strip away the dignity of its people. To attempt to overturn this ruling is not just an attack on LGBTQ+ couples; it is an attack on the very principles of justice and freedom that this country claims to uphold.

This bill is not just words on paper; it is a direct threat to families who have built their lives together, raised children together, supported one another through sickness and health, in times of hardship and joy. To suggest that their marriages are somehow less worthy, less valid, or undeserving of recognition is to tell them that their love is not real. But I assure you, it is real. It is as deep and sacred as any other.

The Supreme Court's ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* was not just a legal victory; it was a moral affirmation that LGBTQ+ people are full citizens of this country, deserving of the same rights and responsibilities as anyone else. Rolling back these protections would set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for further discrimination, legal instability, and harm to countless individuals and families.

This is not about politics. This is about people—our neighbors, our friends, our coworkers, our children. It is about the promise that America is a place where freedom means freedom for everyone. That promise must not be broken.

I urge you to reject this bill and stand on the side of love, equality, and justice.

Thank you,
Ashley Froehlich
Hillsboro, ND