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To all members of the North Dakota Senate

I am a long-time resident of North Dakota and am asking you to vote No on HCR 3013, which is a resolution that would urge the Supreme Court to restore the definition of marriage to a union between one man and one woman.

I understand that this does not carry legal status and would not directly impact marriage equality in our state, but what it does do is tell all of the wonderful same sex couples I know and love that they aren't welcome here. I grew up believing that North Dakota was a welcoming state with neighbors who were always willing to help. This resolution sends a very different message to anyone who is not straight. Why would talented young people in the LGBTQ community want to stay here or move here with this unwelcoming message?

Please do the right thing and vote against HCR 3013

Thank you
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