

Dear North Dakotan Senators,

My name is Kennedy Foss, and I have been a citizen of North Dakota for my entire life. I am writing today to urge our state's Senators to oppose HCR 3013 because I believe the definition of marriage is a union between two people – no exceptions.

As a straight woman, I know I am exactly as my God intended me to be, and I believe that God does not make mistakes. I believe this is true for all North Dakotans, all Americans, and all people. My brother, Austin Foss, is a gay man and a North Dakota Representative. He is happily married to his husband, Ryan. And that is their right. They have the same right to love and marry as I do—because that is how we are made. Because that is what freedom means. No one should have to change or hide who they are simply because someone else's beliefs don't approve.

It is appalling that our state government is wasting time on a resolution that seeks to diminish the rights of a specific group of North Dakotans. Trying to reverse progress and make people feel unwelcome in their own home state is not just wrong—it is disgraceful.

I urge our Senators to oppose this resolution. It would harm countless North Dakotans and serve no purpose other than to appease those who feel better when others have fewer rights. North Dakota should be a place of fairness, dignity, and freedom for all.

Thank you for your time,

Kennedy Foss

North Dakotan Citizen