

I urge you to vote NAY on HCR 3013.

I am a conservative, I am a Christian, I am straight, and I am a wife. I was free to make all these decisions for myself because we are a nation built on the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

To my fellow conservatives—I would simply remind you of the seven core principles of conservatism as to why you should oppose this. **Individual freedom, limited government, the rule of law**, peace through strength, fiscal responsibility, free markets, and **human dignity**.

Samuel Adams himself said that “There shall be one rule of justice for rich and poor, for the favorite in court, and the countryman at the plough.” The founding fathers always intended for everyone to be treated equally under the rule of law above all else regardless of our differences. The United States Courts lists the rule of law as “a principle under which all persons, institutions, and entities are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced, independently adjudicated, and consistent with international human rights principles.”

To my fellow Christians—God did not give us free will so that you could impose your will on others. Should the government have more power over us than God himself? No. Are churches forced to go against their beliefs and perform same sex marriages? No. Can a marriage license be issued with no involvement of a church? Yes. Same sex marriage is not infringing on anyone’s religious liberty as this bill wrongfully states.

Any citizen should have the constitutional right to marry whomever they choose to maintain equal treatment for all in respect to the rule of law in our country as intended by our forefathers. Banning same sex marriage would cause legal inequality among American citizens in regard to their legal rights in relation to their partner. This bill does nothing but alienate our fellow citizens, waste taxpayer money, and most certainly does not reflect the views of the majority of North Dakotans.

Vote NO on HCR 3013.

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