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To whom it may concern,

I am writing testimony to my opposition of HCR 3013. I am in support of civil unions that are same sex marriages. I have many people in my life, family, friends, acquaintances, business connections, that will be affected negatively if this bill passes without a fair resolution for this type of union that involves same sex marriage. These are all people who have paid their taxes, contributed to the community, take care of their families, and are amazing citizens of ND and the United States of America. Taking away rights that they presently have not only puts doubt in the minds of those who are losing those rights. It also puts doubt in the minds of people who support them as well. These voters, though the minority, are just as important as the “squeaky wheels” who brought this bill forth to the legislature. It is wrong to play with people’s lives as well as their livelihood just so they can push their specific religious beliefs in their religious branches onto people who do not have the same type of beliefs.

This can also have negative effects on our state economically. You want more investments and people coming into the state? Passing this bill can look very negative on the educated youth that are hoping to find a home to plant roots.

Please do not approve HCR 3013 to undo the time and money it took to make same sex marriage legal. This is “beating a dead horse” and we need to step forward and not backwards.

One more thing—My testimony has nothing to do with what political side I am on. It’s what being a human is all about!

Thank you for your time,

Joy Keller