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RE: HCR 3013

I am writing in opposition to HCR 3013. This bill is not only a waste of time, but damaging. I believe it not only damages individuals directly but also hurts the image of our state. What it says is that North Dakota is stuck in a time where we still don't believe all people should have equal rights. Having been born, raised and spent most of my life in North Dakota, I'm disappointed that this bill has made it as far as it has. If we are to respect this country and the principles it was founded on, then a recognition that all people are created equal needs to be upheld. I feel that those who support this are mostly religiously motivated in this case, but I do not support that as an excuse. Despite being a Christian myself and having my own set of beliefs, I recognize the need for separation of state and church.

I am speaking in support of the many amazing same-sex couples that I've known over the years. They deserve the same basic rights and freedoms that we are all supposed to enjoy. I hope that this resolution will cause people to take pause, consider the harmful consequences and chose to vote against it.

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