

Dear Members of the North Dakota Senate,

We are writing to share our story—a story of love, commitment, and family. Love isn't written in our DNA. It's not something you can measure in chromosomes. Love is something you feel—something you build." We are two women who chose each other, not because of societal expectations, but because of a deep and undeniable love. Together, we have built a life, a home, and a family that is just as real, strong, and deserving of respect as any other.

There is no chromosome that defines love. Love is not something determined by biology; it is something deeply felt, something that shapes our lives and our families.

Our children are growing up in a household filled with love, stability, and unwavering support. We teach them the same values that every parent strives to instill; kindness, responsibility, and integrity. And yet, despite the love and commitment that define our family, we constantly face the reality that some do not see us as equals under the law.

"Our children are growing up knowing they are loved beyond measure. They are learning kindness, resilience, and the value of being true to themselves. Isn't that what every parent wants?"

"And yet, despite the love that fills our home, there are still those who say our family is less than. That we don't deserve the same rights, the same protections, the same recognition."

"But love makes a family. Not gender. Not outdated expectations. Just love."

"We deserve the same rights as any other family. Because our love is just as real. Our commitment is just as strong. And our children deserve a world that values them—not as exceptions, but as equals." We deserve the same legal protections, the same respect, and the same rights as any other family in North Dakota.

We ask you to stand on the side of fairness and equality. Stand with families like ours. Because at the end of the day, love is what makes a family—not gender, not outdated traditions, not politics. Just love.

"We ask you to stand with us. To see us. To recognize that every family built on love is worthy of respect. Because at the end of the day—love is love, and family is family."

Often, those in favor of changing the definition of marriage to between only a man and woman quote verses from the bible. Isn't it funny they can pick and choose which parts of the bible should be followed?! What about these verses:

Mathew 7:12- So, in EVERYTHING, do to others what you would have them do to you.

If we are going to use the bible then this means all marriages should be up for debate, not just same sex.

Ephesians 4:32- Be KIND to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.

Trying to take away others legal rights, disrespecting them and trying to make us feel like less than, is NOT kind.

John 8:15/James 4:12/Corinthians 4:3- Only GOD can judge.

This one is self-explanatory. You should not be judging any marriage unless you are God.

Please vote no on this resolution and make ND proud.

Sincerely,

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