

March 1st, 2025

RE: House Concurrent Resolution NO. 3013

Dear Members of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this resolution. As a lifetime North Dakota Resident and a proud gay individual, I find this resolution deeply troubling and misaligned with “North Dakota Nice” values.

Marriage equality is a fundamental human right. Any attempt to roll back these rights that so many Americans enjoy is a direct attack on the dignity and legitimacy of relationships like mine.

This resolution states that the *Obergefell* ruling undermines the visions of the Constitution’s Framers because citizens must seek dignity from the state. That is not the case, and, instead, North Dakotans are asking the *state* to have dignity on its *people*.

This is no longer about politics; this is about people. I have built my life here, just like so many other LGBTQ+ North Dakotans. We work hard, we pay taxes, and we support our community.

We want to be treated with the same dignity as everyone else. Pursuing this resolution accomplishes nothing and reopens wounds many thought had begun to heal.

I urge you to reconsider your stances. I urge you to ponder the real people your actions affect – the *person* taking your order at a restaurant, the *person* changing your oil, the *person* educating your children, the *person* writing this letter.

Please, do not use your position to erase the rights and recognition of everyday North Dakotans.

Stand on the right side of history. Stand with all North Dakotans. Reject this resolution.

Sincerely,

Carter Cassola