

MN ERA HF 0501

LETTER TESTIMONY

House State Government Finance & Policy Committee

April 2, 2025

Dear Co-Chairs Klevorn, Nash, and committee members,

I am writing today not to debate the details of HF 0501, but to urge you to trust the people of Minnesota with the opportunity to decide whether these rights should be enshrined in our State Constitution. As supporters of equal rights know, these freedoms should be self-evident. It is time for the Minnesota Legislature to demonstrate its confidence in the people it serves by allowing them to vote for this crucial constitutional amendment.

By putting this amendment to a vote, we open the door to greater democratic participation and meaningful discourse, which will ultimately lead to stronger protections for all. This is not just a policy decision—it is an opportunity to affirm the values that make Minnesota a beacon of fairness and equality.

Our state constitution is a living document, and it should reflect the evolving values and needs of its people. It is the civic right and responsibility of Minnesotans to amend it, ensuring that it is as inclusive and just as possible. It's time to trust the people to make this decision and to stand with us in the fight for equality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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