



January 20, 2016

NH House Judiciary Committee

Re: support CACR 25

Dear Chairman Lynn and members of the NH House Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the seven denominations and nearly 300 churches under the New Hampshire Council of Churches umbrella, we respectfully urge you to support CACR 25, relative to the right to marry. Our faith traditions hold marriage as a sacred commitment grounded in love, mutual responsibility, and dignity, values which are strengthened, not diminished, when they are protected equally under civil law.

In the New Testament, we are reminded that “there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28). This teaching calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person and to reject distinctions that deny full participation in community life. CACR 25 reflects this call by affirming that every individual, regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, or ability deserves equal protection and recognition in marriage under New Hampshire’s constitution.

We believe CACR 25 offers Granite Staters an opportunity to align our constitution with our shared values of fairness, stability, and love of neighbor. By supporting this resolution, you help ensure that families across our state can live with security, knowing their commitments are honored and protected by law.

Thank you for your service to New Hampshire and please support CACR 25

Respectfully,  
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