



INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF COLORADO

PROTECTING FAITH AND FREEDOM

January 28, 2025

RE: Support for SB25-014 Protecting the Freedom to Marry

Dear Chairperson Weissman and members of the Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB25-014. The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado promotes justice, religious liberty, and interfaith understanding through building relationships in order to educate, advocate, and catalyze social change. We have over 400 congregations in our statewide network, representing more than two dozen faith traditions.

In November of 2024, Coloradans voted Yes on Amendment J, reflecting the overwhelming support in our state for removing discriminatory language from our laws and protecting marriage equality. From Greeley to Alamosa, throughout the summer and beyond, pride events are taking place, many of which are supported by faith communities. Throughout the year, places of worship across the state are celebrating the love of same sex couples. By voting Yes on SB25-014, you have the opportunity to honor the will of the people and continue bringing people together, celebrating love. Our laws must reflect our values and the right to marry who you love is essential to the pursuit of happiness. Despite that, restriction of marriage has a long history as a tool of oppression. By affirming marriage equality, we are working to remove the chains of oppression on the marginalized that we are called to help. As people of faith and conscience, we are called to respect the inherent dignity and worthiness of every individual and affirm equal rights for LGBTQ+ people, including the right to marry. Same-sex couples deserve the benefits and legal protection marriage provides as they build a life, future, and a family.

We respectfully ask that you support HB25-014 and vote Yes to advance it from the committee with your favorable recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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