

Washington, D.C. - Representative David Price (NC-04) released the following statement today following news that General Assembly Republicans have succeeded in forcing a referendum on an amendment to the North Carolina state Constitution banning gay marriage.

"General Assembly Republicans seem willing to do anything—including amending the state constitution—to divert attention from their failure to create jobs. With their dismal record of cutting education and slowing the recovery, I can't say I'm surprised they've initiated this unnecessary exercise, even though everyone from the business community to the person on the street realizes it's the wrong thing to do.

"Last year in Congress, I became the first North Carolina member to support the [Respect for Marriage Act](#), which overturns the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), and I joined that fight again this year. We will vote down the marriage amendment and I won't stop fighting to repeal DOMA until we succeed. History will judge these discriminatory efforts and the Republicans behind them harshly."

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