

Dear Chair Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1332. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

I am a public school educator and a 29 year resident of North Dakota. HB 1332 actively harms the students I serve and the people I love – family, friends, and community members.

All individuals deserve health care that at its core abides by a principle of “do no harm.” Explicitly in the text LGBTQ individuals are stated as those in need of “repair” by discredited pseudo-psychology. Ostracization and isolation does not create a healthy community. Conversion therapy has wrought enormous harm and should be left to the dustbins of history.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Brown