

January 23rd, 2023

Regarding House Bill 1332

Dear ND House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1332. I ask that you give this bill a **DO NOT PASS**.

This legislation along with others like it are billed as protecting children when in fact, they will do the opposite. Conversion therapy is a well documented as a harmful practice; children that have gone through the process are almost twice as likely to commit suicide than those that have not. Please listen to the expert testimony of medical practitioners and oppose this harmful bill. Conversion therapy has been thoroughly discredited.

To continue pushing this kind of legislation allows these harmful practices to continue. It will increase stress and lead to increased cases of harm and even death.

Please search your hearts and minds, and make the compassionate, rational decision.

Respectfully,

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