

As a mother of a transgender teen in the North Dakota Public School System, I strongly oppose HB 1362. Transgender children should be able to explore their gender identity, and schools are often a safe space to do so. Research shows that trans youth suicidality is reduced when they feel that they have an adult to talk to. Sometimes, this adult is in the school setting. This bill would remove a safe space for transgender children which can lead to a detrimental effect on their mental health. Please do not support this legislation as it is harmful and discriminates against transgender people.