

Testimony on HB 1298
16 March 2021

My name is Cheryl Biller, from Fargo. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into your deliberations on HB 1298 – I ask that you give this bill a do NOT pass recommendation.

This bill portends to be about protecting women's sports, but in reality it is nothing less than an invasion of privacy for student athletes and a license to discriminate. This bill does not provide solutions to problems, rather it will create problems. There do not exist concerns among the vast majority of student athletes, including female student athletes, about their fellow competitors. In fact, hundreds of student athletes signed onto a letter in opposition to this type of legislation.

This bill is a thinly veiled attempt to require release of private medical information for all female athletes that should cause alarm at every level. No one should be required to bare their bodies or their private medical information to anyone except those they choose to. It is both disturbing and creepy that politicians seem to think they have a right to this kind of legalized assault.

And I am so weary of the majority arrogantly believing they can pull one over on the supreme court, costing us tens and hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars to defend blatantly discriminatory bills. Just stop it already.

I appreciate your careful deliberation of this bill, although it is really beyond any sense of dignity and reason that you would even have it before you; and ask you for a DO NOT PASS vote.

Cheryl Biller