"My name is Wade Pulkrabek and I reside in District 31. I am asking that you please render a DO PASS on HB 1249.

Think of your daughters, sisters, wife, or your mother - did they or do they play sports? I bet they enjoy it! They get to compete and try to be their best, they engage in fun girl talk in the locker room, get exercise and try to stay healthy. Then think of their disgust, confusion and frustration when Johnny, the kid they always knew who played sports with the boys all of a sudden announced that this year he is a girl and wants to be called Jane. Now Johnny - who is still a male and will always be a male is granted permission by the school to use the girls restroom, play sports with the girls and change clothes in the girls locker room before and after practice and games. Johnny is taller, stronger, faster and better at the sport than all the girls on the team. So he wins the competitions. He makes the girls uncomfortable in the locker room - a place that they previously considered a safe zone, a no boys allowed place!

Individuals who have gender dysphoria need a psychologist and therapy just like a person suffering from anorexia does. They don't need for the world to bow to their every whim and accommodate their confused state of mind by allowing them to play sports with the opposite sex.

I urge you to support the passing of House Bill 1249.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your service to the state of North Dakota.

Wade Pulkrabek