

Dear Chair Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1249. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

The reason for this is that this bill affects individuals I care about, and I know that some of them do play sports in high school, but now are wary to play in college. This bill will affect them greatly due to the restrictions of labeling in this bill along with the terms for biological sex instead of gender.

Additionally, it states in line 22 and 23 this, "An athletic team or sport designated for "females", "women", or "girls" may not be open to students of the male sex." This not the only part that feels like it restricts saying that transgender and nonbinary students don't exist. That there are only two sexes, and yet it not only excludes trans youth, but what about intersex students?

Which brings me to my next point of the reason some believe this bill will protect girls' sports. The issue is there are already guidelines set forth by North Dakota High School Activities Association that a trans girl must follow to be allowed to participate in girl's sport. Accord to the North Dakota High School Activities Association, which is attached, talks about any transgender student who is not taking hormone treatment and those who are. It states, "Any transgender student who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate in a sex-separated interscholastic contest in accordance with the sex assigned to him or her at birth... A trans male (female to male) student who has undergone treatment with testosterone for gender transition may compete in a contest for boys but is no longer eligible to compete in a contest for girls. A trans female (male to female) student being treated with testosterone suppression medication for gender transition may continue to compete in a contest for boys but may not compete in a contest for girls. Updated medical treatment and/or hormone therapy verification is required annually." North Dakota has guidelines set in place for this.

I once again ask that you give House Bill 1249 a DO Not Pass due to we already have guidelines in place.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.

Best Regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J Vondal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large loops and a long horizontal tail.

Signed

Charles J Vondal