Members of the House Human Services Committee,

"My name is Gregory Demme, and I am a bi-vocational pastor who resides in District 3. I am asking that you please render a DO PASS on House Bill 1297."

A person's sex is a biological reality that cannot be changed. Every facet of our society, including hospitals, rely on birth certificates for properly identifying people, especially in the case of medical emergencies. Introducing confusion into vital birth records based on a person's belief in a moment in time about their gender as opposed to their actual biological sex is a recipe for disaster in more ways than one. This bill is crucial to ensure the reliability of such vital records.

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

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