Dear Members of the Human Services Committee,

I am writing to oppose HB 1301 which prohibits gender-affirming medical care.

Our esteemed doctors in the North Dakota take the care of their patients seriously, and act in the best interest of their patients. This bill is asking them to put aside what is best for their patients. Passing this bill will further our crisis of medical professionals because it will make it more difficult to recruit doctors who know they can not provide the best care for their patients. In addition, it will send LGBTQ youth who can afford it to neighboring states to get their medical care.

Do we really want more of our talented doctors and our patients' dollars going out of state?

Please keep our doctors in North Dakota and our LGBTQ youth safe and vote Do Not Pass on this bill.

Sincerely,

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