

Hello. My name is Adam Miller, a resident of Bismarck. I am writing in opposition to HB1301.

It is clear in this bill, and the nearly dozen other bills targeting the LGBTQ+ community filed this session, the intent of these bills is not to protect anyone, only to harm that community.

Supporters of this bill have suggested that there is a “meteoric rise” in the number of trans people. This is hyperbole and simply not true. Trans people have always existed and in similar percentages of the overall human population as they do now. The only difference now is that they feel society has progressed enough to not oppress them or deny their existence. But, even if the “meteoric rise” were true, where is the harm if they are causing no harm to you? Why are the writers of this bill attacking individual freedoms?

This bill and those like it are not solving problems in North Dakota. They are the result of a political party that has chosen to engage in senseless culture war rather than fixing actual problems at hand. It’s a sign that there is no intention of good governance or making people’s lives better. I expect better from North Dakota and its legislators.

I ask to vote no on HB1301 and every other bill attacking the LGBTQ+ community.