

Bills like HB1301 are a major reason why I left North Dakota. I have three children and the thought that I, as their parent, would not have the autonomy to make decisions with them and their doctor regarding the best course of action for their physical and mental well being is appalling. The attack on trans and non binary individuals further confirms that I made the right decision in leaving a state that does not view all people as equals.

I see this as a clear cut case of bigotry and genocide. Children who are not given access to gender affirming care are at much higher risk of suicide. Puberty blockers can literally save a child's life. It should not be within the state's authority to interfere in such matters, especially when that interference is costing children their lives.

I happen to have my sex match my gender identity, but it's not hard to imagine how devastating it would be to have been born the opposite sex. I would want my physical body to be female presenting. Could you imagine what it

would be like to have been born into a body that does not match your mind? Are you really wanting to put others through that distress?

I find it ironic that legislators who are elected to uphold the freedoms of their constituents would attempt to interfere in decisions that should be a private matter. Offering gender affirming care ultimately does not have any effect on you or how you choose to live your lives. In your private life, you can think whatever you want. But you were elected to uphold the rights of all North Dakotans, even the ones you may not agree with. Please vote no on HB1301.