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In regards to HB1301

House members,

My name is Raymond Rahrlich, born and raised in North Dakota. I am opposed to this and the other regressive anti- transgender bills that are being introduced across mostly the Midwest by extremist groups trying to keep us divided. Most of these bills are very similar, as well as the 'form letter' testimony in support of them. The sponsors offer no evidence of there being a problem, so you have to wonder as to the motivation for this bill is.

On the front page of the Bismarck Tribune this morning there is a story about the state spending millions of dollars trying to bring young people to the state to work and raise their families. This bill would have the opposite effect and cause most young people to avoid moving to a state that would restrict their freedom to be who they are.

I have an interest in this bill as personally having transgender members in my family, but everyone should be concerned when local legislators go against science and the medical communities advice. Make no mistake. If this bill goes into effect, it will cost lives.

Please stick to being a REAL conservative and keep the government out of your Doctor's office.

Please do no pass this bill.