

Dear legislators of North Dakota

I plead to you to vote "a do not pass" on these shameful bills Including HB 1473. The more of these bills that are hatefully attempted to pass makes it harder and harder for me to try and sympathize with the individuals attempting to pass these. I'm sure a lot of these letters your gonna be reading from me are gonna be very similar, but these bills are all the same white washed hate repeated again and again so why should I have to create wholly unique responses when they can't even fathom up unique bills instead of the same shitty words in different flowery arrangements? Trans kids do exist, Trans adults exist, and the LGBTQ is not your enemy. Members of this legislation claim to be sheltering kids from things they "needn't worry about " while enforcing a stereotype upon them that damages their opinions of themselves and ruins their chances at safer transitions and happy social lives. In a perfect world people would be allowed to social transition first since it is the safest first step and a very good indicator for them to know if is right for them, Followed by blockers (Alone if below a certain age to delay or slow Puberty till enough time is passed to know if it is ok to proceed) followed by HRT. After some time on hormones evaluating if surgery is what they want then let them.

But even so, if you agree or not, this bill is aimed at more than kids. One of the places that is targeted in these words is dormitories you know like COLLEGE where people become adults and find themselves. Especially when they are already 18 and can begin the transition without their parents express consent. All this does is enforce rules that should be up to the Campus/Dorms/Gym itself. As for sports, a trans female on hormones is subject to muscle atrophy, and if girls can play on guys teams why not vice versa if they are physically losing muscle mass from estrogen? If you as the state want to separate Juvie by gender, don't make the trans/nonbinary showers and restrooms optional accommodations, Make them mandatory seeing as the bill seems to claim that it is so concerned with safety. And believe me, They should be protected for who they are and wish to be. All this bill does is prove the writers want to just make X's and O's out of the whole alphabet.

Trans, Non Binary and Intersex people exist, and they have existed for longer then members of this legislation or even our state. This two gender lie told around the table is significantly more complicated than that. Biology is complex, wonderful, and scary sometimes. Did you know DNA is not a Binary system? Gender is more than yes or no. And I know you are all more compassionate than this. This is all similar to the Left Handed issues of our not so distant past. People are born left handed, and after we as a nation stopped punishing and forcing them to stop doing what came naturally to them, Their lives improved.

I was Born and raised in North Dakota, I have lived here my whole life. This shallow targeted bigotry is not us, We are more kindly and passive aggressive gossipers who just make up an excuse about going to the lake rather than doing something we don't wanna do. I again urge, beg and plead with you to consider this bill and vote for a Do Not Pass. See it for what it is as little more than a band wagon of hysterics.

-Nate Brown