Dear Chair Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1474. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

One of the most common arguments against the whole slate of bills trying to ban transgender people from existing in North Dakota is that they will increase both violence against transgender people and suicide rates among transgender people. This bill seeks to make it impossible to prove one or the other. In other words, it takes the wind out of the sails of people who argue that these bills do not harm transgender people. Never will you be able to proves that North Dakota is not participating in the genocide of transgender people, because you seek to ban the exact kind of data that would protect from this allegation.

Do not pass this bill. Allow the data to speak for itself.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state

Best regards,

Rev. Michelle Webber