

Dear Chairperson and Members of the House Human Services Committee:

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1474, and I ask that you render a DO NOT PASS.

I am a resident of North Dakota, residing in Fargo. Restricting the collection of vital statistics in our state to attempt to erase our transgender and gender diverse residents will skew the data to be misleading and inaccurate. Many of our transgender residents have already completed legal documentation to change gender markers from male or female or vice versa. This bill could create a lot of unnecessary confusion as well as implementing a discriminatory process for our gender diverse population.

Thank you for your time and service to our state,

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