Members of the House Human Services Committee,

"My name is Gregory Demme. I am a bi-vocational pastor who resides in District 3. I am asking that you please render a DO PASS on House Bill 1489."

There is a mountain of evidence that shows that, in general, male athletes are bigger, stronger, faster, possess better hand-eye coordination, and are more spatially aware than their female counterparts, all of which clearly give men the advantage. Males even have the advantage after one year of gender-affirming hormone therapy. Trans women are not women. They are males no matter how much estrogen they swallow or body parts they alter. Please do not allow subjective ideology to trump established biological facts. Please protect the hard-won sex-based rights of women and the opportunities that come from being an athlete.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your service to the state of North Dakota.

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