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HB 1489

Testimony in Opposition

Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

I urge you to vote DO NOT PASS on HB 1489.

This bill is prejudiced against the transgender community within our state of North Dakota. There is no significant data to represent unfair advantage that transgender women have in competitive sports. Therefore, there is not reasonable objective to this bill, other than to restrict and disadvantage a valuable group in our state.

This topic is better managed by the academic and sporting institutions who already have their own policies and regulations for participation in sporting events. This bill is an overreach of the government.

This bill passing will sent a message to the nation and the world that North Dakota is not a welcome place for hosting sporting events and could therefore impact tourism and revenue in our state.

Thank you for your time,

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