

To The Legislators of North Dakota,

This letter encompasses the historic number of LGBTQ+ bills and measures being brought among the committee. As a member of the community, I have seen firsthand the hatred and bigotry that misguided policies like these can not only permit, but encourage.

To have so much legislature brought forward under the guise of religion in a nation that was founded on the basis of separation of church and state appalls me. I will let the medical and psychological experts speak out instead of me on the misguided pseudoscience quoted in the legislature. However, as someone that was born into the Catholic church, baptized into the church, and gone through the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, the primary tenet of the church should be love.

Love thy neighbor: Your gay neighbor, your trans neighbor, whoever your neighbor may be.

Please, choose love; do not pass these bills rooted in fear and hatred.

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