

## Chairman Weisz and Members of the House Human Services Committee

My name is Amber Vibeto and I reside in District 3. I ask for a do pass recommendation for House Bill 1489 and its related bill 1249.

There is no such thing as a transgender woman or a transgender man. Yes, there are people who identify as such, and they should be treated with compassion and respect, but to believe that one can be born with a brain that doesn't match his/her body is a subjective ideological belief that has no grounding in reality or science. You no doubt will hear a lot of testimony based on emotion and deeply personal stories. There will be scolding attempts to shame you into rejecting the attempt to preserve women's rights and women's sports. However, policy should not be based on subjective feelings and emotional manipulation. It should be based on logic, facts, and our unalienable rights. Here's what we know.

- Barring genetic disorders, females contain XX chromosomes and males possess XY chromosomes in every nucleated cell.
- Drugs can change appearance & physiology to some degree, but do not change genetics.
- No drug or surgical intervention can change sex.
- Long-term evidence indicates that males have numerous physical advantages in sport compared with females.
- A report released by the United Kingdom's Sports Councils Equality Group found that "transgender athletes have an unfair advantage in female sports" and that that advantage remains even when "testosterone levels have been reduced".

Women and girls across the country are being told that they must allow men to invade their spaces and their sports and watch quietly while their privacy, safety, and opportunities are stolen. Let's not let

that happen here in North Dakota. Let's not allow established biological facts and logic to be swept away by a social contagion that will inevitably run its course.

Thank you for your time.

## Resources

[Sports should create 'universal' categories because transgender women DO have an advantage over female athletes, says major review](#)

[The Bone-Muscle Relationship in Men and Women](#)

[Males Have Larger Skeletal Size and Bone Mass Than Females, Despite Comparable Body Size](#)

[Comparison of injury during cadet basic training by gender](#)

[A Comparative Study on Strength between American College Male and Female Students in Caucasian and Asian Populations](#)

[Skeletal muscle mass and distribution in 468 men and women aged 18–88 yr](#)

[Elite Strength Sports \(IPF and IWF\) a Comparison of Sex and Performance](#)

[Gender Differences in Spatial Ability](#)

[Comparing Athletic Differences Between Women and Men](#)

[Effect of gender affirming hormones on athletic performance in trans-women and trans-men: implications for sporting organizations and legislators](#)

[Alliance Defending Freedom](#)

[How Do Gender Identity Policies Affect Me and My Community?](#)