

Dear Chair Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1522. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

I am a mother and educator from Moorhead, MN. I am also the wife to a wonderful, supportive trans woman. My son currently attends school in Fargo, ND. The idea that, under many of these bills, my son would witness his beloved parent being misgendered and vilified by educators is heartbreaking; that he would grow up thinking that his beloved parent, who reads him stories every night and makes the family waffles every Saturday, is someone he can't talk about at school. This bill, and many others being pushed today, teach our children that their true selves is something that must hidden and repressed, and that our transgender friends, family, and colleagues are not worthy of respect. I do not want my son, or my family, to grow up in this environment. I am therefore standing in opposition of this bill, and respectfully ask that the member of the North Dakota legislature do the same.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state

Best regards,
Mallorie Taylor-Teeples