

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. The fact you put the respecting pronouns and gender identity in the same bill as an animal identity already shows that you have clearly not done your research or you know how to confuse ignorance to the point they will agree with your ignorance. Youth is constantly told by the state of ND that they are less than. We have some high suicide rates among our LGBTQIA2S+ youth because of these very actions of our state.

You can't say that you want to protect the children of North Dakota and then pick and choose. Truly it is that simple. The fact you want to put each university and higher education standard in jeopardy due to your own "moral grounds" is very concerning. There hasn't been a problem and yet you make one?

It is for these reasons that I ask you to vote Do Not Pass. Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.

Best regards,

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