

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

My testimony is in strong opposition to House Bill 1522. I must urge you to give this bill a Do Not Pass. Let's start with the elephant in the room (Joke not fully intentional) That wild fire news that people like to quote about litter in the bathrooms? Was a Hoax, A troll, Anti-trans rhetoric, and about as serious as the clowns in the Shriner Circus (Except the clowns are fun and entertaining.) This clause is the very definition of the conservative parties' misunderstandings and hate personified. Kids play pretend, that's what they do, Now when little Susy whats-her-name pretends to be a panda on the playground she has to go to detention because GOD FORBID a kid play pretend at school cause the school might be blamed for 'allowing a kid to pretend to be not human,' and effectively as the bill puts it 'providing a place' for them to do such activities. If that comes to pass creativity and childhood is truly dead and the conservatives killed it.

Now onto the other points of hate in this bill. The blatantly spelled out anti-trans discrimination. In a bill I just wrote a letter for it said a school could choose to make special compensation for trans and non binary students for locker rooms and bathrooms, and now this one SAYS THEY CANT! Well which is it? How about you just throw all these clearly and blatantly homo/trans-phobic bills out and make the hyper-conservatives stew in their inability to oppress people. Because this is just that Oppression. This has a high probability of increasing suicide rates in an already vulnerable group. I beg you to help stop this marginalizing of a vulnerable minority and oppressing their freedom, and their parents' ability to have their child raised to their standards. This bill says a kid has to be post op and have a letter from a guardian while attempting to make such things impossible with other bills. We are better than this! It's North Dakota Nice, not North Dakota Oppression.

-Nate Brown