

Dear Chair Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

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

The reason for this is that this bill affects individuals I care about, and I know it does more damage not accepting a child to whom they may be. There are stats on a child's, trans or not, mental health can be when not treated with respect.

Trans Youth Data Points (From High School | Middle School)

- 74.7% Have ever seriously considered suicide (MS)
- 46.3% Have ever attempted suicide (MS)
- 94.4% Do not talk to parents when feeling sad, empty, hopeless, or angry (HS)
- 72.7% Didn't feel safe at school most of time or always (HS)
- 61.0% Bullied on School Property (MS)
- 27.0% Didn't Sleep in Parents Home + 20.0% Have Run away or homeless (HS)

This information I am sharing came from 2021 YRBS data provided by the ND Department of Public Instruction. If you look at the fourth bullet from the top, it states that 72.7% don't feel safe at school. School is supposed to be a safe space for them, but it will not be if you pass this bill. I once again ask that you give House Bill 1522 a Do Not Pass.

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

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles J Vondal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Signed

Charles J Vondal