

House Bill #1537

68th Legislative Assembly

Representatives: Schneider, Boschee, Conmy, Dakane, Davis, Dobervich, Finley-DeVilleville, and Hanson
Senators: Mathern and Piepkorn

I am a resident and parent of North Dakota and I support this bill.

The State of North Dakota needs to protect all the citizens within its borders. We live in a state that is predominantly white and heterosexual. The laws in this state are designed and geared towards whites, with very little thought or bearing on others that live in this state who are not white, are not heterosexual or born in the USA. The LGBTQAI community are especially vulnerable.

I am the other of a transgender person in the State of North Dakota. Every time my child goes out, my child is in danger and the laws here are not strong enough or designed to protect people who are in the LGBTQAI community.

Law Enforcement need training on how to handle crisis situations which involve the LGBTQAI citizens of North Dakota. Sensitivity Training also needs to be part of the training to insure that Law Enforcement responds to an incident and knows how to interact with ALL the parties involved with tact and professionalism.

My child deserves the same protection as what I enjoy and anything less is not ok.

School faculty, staff and counselors should have mandatory sensitivity training and education on all marginalized groups that are present here in North Dakota.

Living in North Dakota shouldn't be scary for people who are not white and heterosexual. Everyone who comes in contact with first responders or has some kind of contact with our schools such as a student or a parent needs to know that they will be treated with the same respect, care and professionalism as their counterparts, the white heterosexuals in North Dakota.

This bill fills in the gaps that the current laws have.

I encourage you all to vote Do Pass on this bill.

Thank you,

Kristie Miller