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To: North Dakota Human Services Committee

Re: HB 1297 on birth certificates

Committee Chair and members of the Committee -

My name is Jane Pettinger, I reside in Fargo. I was born and raised here. This note is to let you all know that as a lifelong North Dakotan, I stand in firm opposition to HB 1297.

As with so much of this session's legislation, this bill will only serve to divide ordinary citizens. It is a bill that does no one any good and causes harm to a select few individuals. Why do harm to folks?? Very few folks ever seek to alter their birth certificate, why is this bill needed? What problem is it resolving? What constituents is it serving?

We need to strive to support ALL North Dakotans. This includes those with gender dysphoria or who otherwise may feel that a change to their assigned gender will bring them some sense of peace or well-being. Why not allow this? Seriously!? What the heck are we spending time on this issue for?

Let people live their lives, their best lives, according to their own unique needs.

Jeez. Why is this an issue?

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