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I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HB 1297.

If a member of my family or a friend wants to change their birth record from Male to Female or from Female to Male, does that personally affect your day-to-day life in any way? How does that hurt North Dakota citizens? Will it increase our taxes? I venture to guess that the answer is “no” for the above questions.

I’m guessing that transgender individuals are offensive to your morals or religious beliefs. That doesn’t mean that you get to discriminate against them. It is not against the law to be a transgender person.

The bill shows no appreciation or understanding for scientific studies or the professional ethics of so many health professionals in our state.

Most of all, this bill is hurtful and promotes a toxic atmosphere for the LGBTQ+ individuals and families in this state.

Thank you.

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