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Madame chair and members of the senate human services committee,

Freedom is no freedom at all without boundaries and restrictions.

Alarminglly,

we find ourselves in a culture today where ancient boundaries and restrictions are being challenged.

Our great nation has proven that great courage is required to protect our boundaries. I am confident, great courage is in this room today.

Protecting the private space of our K-12 school bathrooms are the boundaries in focus with house bill 1522.

This bill protects all students, our daughters and granddaughters, our sons and grandsons, and the individual who identifies as transgender.

When the private space of a K-12 bathroom is violated by an individual of the opposite biological sex, then there is an immediate, abusive, and threatening intrusion.

This bill is necessary because of parents and students personally telling me of boys entering girls bathrooms in K-12 schools in the state of North Dakota.

The next two examples to my knowledge, have not yet happened in our North Dakota K through 12 school system. When you hear them, you will understand with clarity why this bill is necessary.

On October 26, 2022, a report was filed, telling of a transgender student who entered a girls restroom in Oklahoma. A witness said the transgender student was a man who hit the girl in her face. Two of the girls friends stepped in to help their friend, and were also struck in their faces. Police observed one victim had injuries to her eye, face, and head. The student was charged with single accounts of disorderly, conduct and assault and battery.

Then, in the Loudon county school district in northern Virginia, a biological boy, wearing a skirt, raped Scott Smith's daughter in the girls bathroom. After that incident, the boy was able to transfer to another school in the same district where he then assaulted another girl. He was convicted in juvenile court of both assaults. During this time, Mr. Smith claimed the district tried to cover up his daughters assault, to push a policy that supported individuals who identify as transgender students for the purpose of using bathrooms of their choice.

In a 91 page report released, the grand jury found that the school district was looking out for their own interests, instead of the best interest of the students.

There is little appetite for school boards to deal with this issue in our state, and in other states as well.

That is why it is before legislatures today around this nation and that is why HB1522 is before you today.

In summary, freedom is no freedom at all without boundaries and restrictions.

There is no question about whether a boy and a girl's bathroom is an immediate, abusive, and threatening intrusion. How do we know this? Because he's in the room. He's there.

Just like if somebody walks into your house in the middle of the night. You're not going to wonder if they are a threat. They're in your house. And they could make matters worse, depending on how they behave once they get there. The point is we need to protect the private spaces of our K through12 school bathrooms. We need to protect all of our students.

Madame Chairman and members of this committee, please give this bill a do pass vote. Thank you and I'll stand for questions.