

Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

My name is Kimberly Hurst and I reside in District 1. I am asking that you please render a do pass on House Bill 1522. I am a mom of four boys. As a parent, I expect the state of North Dakota and the local schools to protect my children's privacy rights when they are in school.

Disregarding these rights should be unlawful. A student's perceived sexual orientation or gender identity does not change a school's obligation to protect *all* of their students. Safeguarding student's privacy rights should be the center point for local schools and the state of North Dakota. Local schools should devise solutions that align with respect, privacy and safety of *all* students, not just those who have a perceived or expressed gender that is inconsistent with the student's biological sex.

The language of this bill secures accommodation for transgender students by allowing local schools to adopt policies for using a separate restroom. So it is also reasonable to provide privacy to all other students to use a restroom that coincides with their biological sex. Not only is this language reasonable, it is fair and equitable because it is considering

not just one group of students but *all* of the students and their safety and privacy.

I urge you to support the passing of House Bill 1522. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your service to the state of North Dakota.

Kimberly Hurst