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To: North Dakota Senate Human Services Committee

Re: HB 1522 on banning certain students in certain bathrooms in schools

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 1333.

This bill is such nonsense that I am kind of amazed I even need to write this letter. I don't know what you all did in school bathrooms as a kid but how is this an issue for our State legislators to attend to?? This is nothing but bullying in the most bizarre and weirdly focused way. Ever used a bathroom on an airplane? I'd bet it was a gender-neutral one! Ever used a bathroom at another person's home? I bet they didn't worry about what gender YOU are!

I strongly urge all of you to let our schools handle their myriad of challenges in today's world without such ridiculous interference from the likes of you all.

Why is this bill needed? What problem is it resolving? What constituents is it serving? Seriously!? What the heck are we spending time on this issue for?

Jeez.

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