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Chairman Larson and the Senate Judiciary, I am the grandfather of a teenage female athlete, so my wife and I strongly urge a Do Pass on HB 1249.

Why this bill is needed:

- Male athletes are bigger, stronger, faster, possess better hand-eye coordination, and are more spatially aware than their female counterparts, all of which clearly give men the advantage. Women are put in a considerably vulnerable position when made to compete against males, especially in a contact sport as women are more likely to be injured when colliding with a man verses another woman. Males even have the advantage after one year of gender-affirming hormone therapy. A study by the British Journal of Medicine showed that trans-women (males) still had a 9% faster average run speed after the one year period of testosterone suppression that is recommended by World Athletics for inclusion in women's events.
- Trans athletes are currently in the minority, but as transgenderism ideology becomes more mainstream, there will be more and more males who will want to compete in women's sports. If we do not pass legislation to protect women's sports, the scholarships, awards, and opportunities that sports provide will once again be dominated by men and boys. Female athletes across the country are losing medals, records, and opportunities to males who are pretending to be women. It's time to protect women and girls in North Dakota from being forced to compete against males.

Thank You, Gordon Greenstein

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