

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Bryon Herbel M.D.

Re: House Bills 1249 and 1489

Date: 26 March 2023

I am a psychiatrist residing in Bismarck who is licensed in the state of North Dakota. I am providing testimony in support of House Bills 1249 and 1489 for the following reasons:

First is the reason of fundamental fairness. As described in other testimony supporting these bills, the significant biological differences between males and females place biological females at a competitive disadvantage in sports compared to biological males who have transitioned to females.

The second reason involves the need for concerned citizens to resist the false narratives about sex and gender which are being widely promoted in our culture by political and medical advocates of the transgender agenda.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.