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Hi, my name is Caedmon Marx I am the outreach coordinator for Dakota Outright and I recommend A DO not pass on HB 1249 and HB 1489. One of the biggest miss conceptions on these bills is that there is no Guidelines in place at both the High school and collage level for transgender athletes. In the North Dakota High School athlete's association's Regulations (NDHSAA) regarding trans athletes is that for a female to male (FTM, Trans man) individual they must be undergoing testosterone treatments and must have medical treatment and hormone therapy verified annually. For Male to female (MTF, Trans Female) may not be on a female's team unless on testosterone suppressants and an ability to show that from a medical perspective that there is no competitive advantage on top of appealing to the NDHSAA board of directors to decide. For transgender Collage athletes the northern sun intercollegiate conference (NSIC) has an established policy that complies with the NCAA with mandatory hormone checks over the season regarding their transition. The other thing that is a miss conception is that trans women who would fit into these guidelines for being able to patriate in their sports will be having the full strength of a man within 3–6 months on HRT (hormone replacement therapy) Trans women have a decrease in muscle mass and strength. I also want to address the fact that we could lose certain events in our state if one of these two bills pass one these events bring money to our state economy one of these events is USA wrestling Free style and Greco-Roman National tournament which takes place in Fargo ND. This tournament brings state teams from all 50 states on top of multiple individuals this tournament brings revenue to the city of Fargo and the state of ND. With this I encourage a do not pass on HB 1249 and HB 1489 and leave the decision to the local sports association that have policies in place already.