

March 18, 2023

Dear Chairman Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I submitted testimony in opposition to HB 1333 in January. I stand by that submission; however,

I would like to amend my submitted testimony to include the following considerations:

1. HB 1333 makes no exception or accommodation for entertainment provided by productions of major entertainment icons popular such as Harry Styles, Sam Smith or Madonna.
2. Stage Productions such as La Cage au Folles would also seem be at risk; whether produced by local theater companies, high school drama and music departments or traveling companies- "off Broadway".
3. Are members of a high school athletic team now prohibited from dressing as "cheerleaders" for an event such as Homecoming Game pep rallies if such a skit was organized?
4. Are "drag" performers now prohibited from local Pride parades?

I respect the conviction of the supporters of this proposal. I also respect the freedom to participate in or attend a performance where the costuming or subject may be controversial to some. As there is no compulsory participation by any citizen or resident of our state; no suggestion to harm our citizens or overthrow any government entity or otherwise damage our democracy I would ask you to give HB 1333 a DO NOT PASS recommendation

Thank you for considering my position. I also thank you for your dedication in service to our great state.

Regards,

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