

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge the committee to give **HB 1333** a do not pass recommendation.

My wife and I own a house and work in North Dakota. The downpour of anti-LGBTQIA+ bills this legislative session has been beyond disappointing as someone who tries to stand up for our state.

I am reaching out specifically on this bill because it will have a huge impact on Fargo-Moorhead Pride events. I am the Chair of F-M Pride. Our events bring in people each year to positively celebrate our community and advocate for basic human rights. If the Senate passes this legislation, there will be financial impacts in Fargo. We host several events every August as a part of F-M Pride, many of which include drag performances. In addition, our events are inclusive and allow individuals to be their authentic selves - we will never host an event in a place that doesn't allow for this.

If this bill passes, it would force us to move all of our events to Moorhead, Minnesota. Thousands of people from North Dakota and surrounding states visit our community for our Summer Pride Events (one of the area's largest rural pride celebrations). In addition, actions like these cause North Dakotans of all ages to move away from the state, further stressing workforce issues. This bill is another attack on the LGBTQIA+ community by making an art form like drag a criminal offense.

Thank you,
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