

**Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**March 27, 2023 HB 1489**  
**Testimony in Opposition**

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Dear Chair Larson and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HB 1489.

1. North Dakota’s State Sport is Curling, which follows [USA Curling Guidelines](#) and allows trans athletes to play as how they identify.
  - a. This policy would forfeit the ability for trans people to play as their truest self in our state's greatest sport.
2. The World Athletic Council allows female participants (who are trans) that have not gone through androgenized puberty in a [policy update](#).
3. There is strong legal protection within schools to prevent discrimination according to [previously submitted testimony](#).
4. Conflicts with [NCAA Policy](#).

This bill is another bill that seeks to beat a dead horse. The thought that a trans person would come to North Dakota for college? At this point? We’re going to vote “6-1” do pass right? It doesn’t matter what is said here, right? I mean, in 2021, I put together a 20 page comprehensive report on current sports policy and research. I spent a hundred hours looking into and studying everything I could about it in the hopes of elucidating the issues around fairness.

However, that large chunk of my life didn’t even become a comment of the Judicial Committee work back in 2021. It only took them about five minutes to pass that bill. That time was spent largely with Sen. Mydral assuring everyone the NCAA wouldn’t boycott North Dakota no matter how we restrict trans athletes and honestly I think she’s right.

I wish we spent more time looking at how the world worked, rather than trying to dictate how we think it should. I wish we could explore these topics with an open mind and honest curiosity, rather than with great urgency, little time, and a lot of fear. That science is fascinating. Biology is fascinating. Women’s sports is incredible and important and struggling from so many issues not solved in this bill.

In my HB 1249 testimony I ask you to give a million dollars to improve women’s sports in North Dakota. I don’t know what women college athletes need. So, before you definitely give this bill a “Do Pass 6 to 1”, please add a study into women's athletics to determine what support they can use for funding, legislation, or anything else. You’re not hurting trans athletes with this, we don’t have any. So do something to help our cisgender women at least!

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,  
Faye Seidler