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Dear legislators,

It has come to my attention that there are several bills being introduced this legislative session that concern transgender rights. This bill, SB 2199, concerns me the most of all that are being considered. If this bill were to pass, my son would **no longer exist** in the state of North Dakota. Let me tell you more about my family to help you understand why I feel this bill should be a don't pass.

My husband and I were raised in Montana, but were drawn to Dickinson State University for their excellent teaching program in the early 90's. After college, we chose to stay in North Dakota to raise our family. As our children grew, our daughter realized that she was different from her classmates but was accepted in our community.

Upon entering college, our daughter made the decision to begin her transition. Again, the college community, her friends, and family both near and far have been very accepting. Recently, my now son began a new job traveling in North Dakota and other nearby states. When I visited with my son about this bill, he stated, "I just don't want to be here anymore. It makes me a coward to run, but if ND doesn't want me, I don't want it either." Strong words that break this mother's heart.

In conclusion, I want to re-address that my son would **no longer exist** in the state of North Dakota if this bill were to pass. I feel it's important that you know that we are very close to our children, so you would not only lose a productive young person from your state, but productive parents and sibling's family as well. Please don't let this be an unfortunate ending to a human just wanting to live their authentic life.

Sincerely,

Angie Moser