Dear Legislators,
I'm confused as to why you think that this bill needs to exist. What exactly is its purpose? Do you refuse to believe that transgender individuals are sane? Are they not able to have autonomy and live their life as they see fit? I have so many questions.

It's upsetting to see this bill even introduced as a concept in 2023 and yet here we are. Who is this witch hunt against trans people saving? Not only is this an extreme invasion of privacy, but it just straight up disregards the fact that trans people would just love to live a normal life. Do you have a sliver of understanding about how detrimental this bill would be if it's passed? By redefining one word you could literally ruin people's lives. So what if someone was born male, but now lives as female? Who is that person hurting? There are many proud, born and raised North Dakotans that would lose everything just because for some reason a group of people are weirdly obsessed with what's in between their legs and not with who they are as people. If genitals are all we are in this world then we really haven't made much process as a species.

Trans people pay taxes, trans people work, trans people raise families, trans people lift up their communities, trans people are HUMAN. It's cool that you all get to wake up in the morning and dress yourself the way you want to and are acknowledged in a way that makes you feel comfortable. Identity is important to you right? So why are you even thinking of taking that same sense of identity from someone else? Because YOU want control how SOMEONE ELSE lives and then fine them? I find that unsettling.

If you can't tell, I'm in opposition of this bill. Trans individuals just want to live their lives without a target on their backs. I agree with a fellow testimony from Katrina Jo Koesterman in saying "This bill specifically targets the transgender and non-binary population of North Dakota, and has no benefit to the state. It will only lead to further hate, increased suicidality among and violence towards our trans population, and will discourage members of the LGBTQ+ community from making this state their home."

Sincerely,
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