Dear Legislators,

I am incredibly appalled that a bill such as SB 2199 is even being considered as a worthwhile or acceptable bill to pass. It is abhorrent that the State even consider dictating how a person should be referred to by self or others. It is not only a breach of personal freedom and autonomy, it also simply does not make sense scientifically.

We as humans are not born with pronouns ascribed in our DNA, as it is purported by this bill. Pronouns are a piece of grammar used to indicate a subject of a sentence, not a chromosome in a genetic sequence. DNA is immensely complex and is not only what is learned in grade school biology. There are many instances across the scope of existence where XX and XY are not the only chromosomal combinations found in humans.

Regardless of such, it is preposterous that if an individual who's "*sex, gender, gender identity, or gender expression is contested*" be subjected to a DNA test to determine their assigned gender at birth. It is **invasive** and in complete disregard for individual privacy in the wake of something as benign as as an individual's personal identity. It is **based purely on semantics**. In what way does this sound reasonable? In what way does demanding and individual be referred to in a certain manner ***specifically to disrespect and undermine their existence*** deserve to see the light of day as a state law?

Most transgender people have spent their entire lives fighting to accept who they are, and fighting for the respect they so rightly deserve from others. This bill could severely harm that. This proposed bill exists only to promote hatred and bigotry and serves, quite literally, no other purpose at a state or individual level.

And I will not stand for it.

I oppose bill SB 2199.