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Dear North Dakota Senators,

I ask you to oppose SB 2199.

This bill impacting organizations receiving state funding, requiring misgendering transgender individuals without regard to legal status, and imposing a $1,500 penalty for doing so is blatant discrimination towards a population that is less than 1 % of our North Dakota population.

At a time when North Dakotans are concerned about mental health, this bill would add to the already high suicidality in the transgender population.

We need to keep all of our citizens safe, provide them with services including mental health. Transgender populations deserve the same as all of our citizens.

Sincerely,

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