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Please stop the war on trans lives – SB 2199 opposition testimony.

"If the Jew did not exist, the anti-Semite would invent him." Jean-Paul Sartre said that in 1944. Later, Nazis lost the war; and open hatred of Jews became unpopular. So, conservatives have had to invent Jew after Jew after Jew for us to hate instead. First it was Black civil rights agitators in the 1950s. Then gay people in the 1980s. Then Muslims in the 2000s. Then immigrants in the 2010s. Now, conservatives have selected ***trans people*** as their latest scapegoat minority.

All bigotry is and looks the same. Conservative talking heads tell us "transhumanist elites" are trying to overthrow "Western civilization" via trans people – echoing *The Protocols Of The Elders Of Zion*. They call trans people "groomers", trying to "trans" our children – echoing Blood Libel and other accusations of child-predation used to justify Jewish mass-murders, Black lynchings, and gay-bashing. Today, right-wing rhetoric is causing a rising wave of ***hate crimes*** against LGBTIA people.

As the latest in their escalating war on trans existence, Republicans in the ND Legislature have introduced ***SB 2199***, a bill to ***mandate all state-funded employers*** to misgender trans people – even those who have had surgeries and changed their legal sex – something known scientificly to increase trans suicidality. This is ***mandated speech***, in violation of First Amendment, for sole purpose of ***persecuting a minority.***

If you love your trans neighbor, I ask the committee please to vote ***"Do not pass" on SB 2199.***

To the legislators introducing these hateful bills— You will meet the King of Love when you die.

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