

Dear Senators,

I am writing in opposition to SB 2199. I believe that human rights are being attacked. I have always been a proponent that at the end of the day all anyone wants is to unconditionally belong. This bill not only condemns our own humanity, but attempts to eliminate the existence of anyone who does not fit into a box. It is okay to not fit into a box, it is okay for us to be ourselves.

I imagine that you have come into contact with multiple transgender people and have not even known. Condemning a specific set of humans can not be the answer. Are we going to have to ask people for their birth certificate before we treat them with dignity?

Am I only defined by my biological makeup, which this bill explicitly outlines? While my DNA has made my body, my spirit better defines me, gives me hope, allows me to understand empathy. Such a narrow bill targeting how we define ourselves is unnecessary as no legislative body will ever have the ability to truly define what being a human is about.

I would like to end with the fine amount or even the idea of fining someone for their beliefs. The other parts of this bill demonstrate a pattern of distaste for those who do not identify as you do, but the fine illustrates the passion to remove those who think differently. As a secondary, but still considerate question, who is going to enforce this and how. I am sure that our law enforcement agencies have little time to enforce this bill; I would feel safer with the hard-working officers enforcing current century code.

Please re-consider this legislation,

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