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Dear ND legislators,

Reject SB2199. Cast it out and never consider such things again. I was born and raised in this amazing state and it saddens me to see us take such a massive step backwards. It invites hateful actions and future laws that suppress a person's humans rights (or if you so prefer god given rights.)

Let us for a moment pretend this targets any other group and look at what it does. It's is a violation of free speech, a removal of rights, and an attack against persons pursuit of life, liberty, and freedoms.

Many of you im sure have wives (or are). And they where not born with your last name yet in the pursuit of happiness they are allowed to take yours in marriage if the desire. Why too can't a person who is in the pursuit of happiness change the little F or M on their drivers license when they can change a full name?

Someone with a long name can get a nickname or do we now have to call you all by full name. I mean that's what your Birth certificate says so it stands to reason Nicknames should go too. But who likes hearing their full name? I don't cause you only ever hear that when you get in trouble by your parents.

Is it genetics that scares you? Cause nothing in genetics is binary not even gender. Some men are more manly then others. Some ladies more feminine. There is a percentage of the population that are genetically from birth that are classified as intersex. Some don't know it till much later in life. Heck there is even a chance one of you in this building are and don't even know it. Perhaps one day your doctor does a Check up and runs a test and then are forcefully called the opposite sex from what you identify as? Or God forbid your kids or grand kids?

Is it your incorrectly afraid that they are lying? Afraid that the girl your staring and fantasizing about at lunch was once a dude? Why even consider this blatant hate bill. I don't care what your face book time line lyingly says in your little echo chamber. They are not hurting anyone but you sure are hurting them…Citizens, neighbors, taxpayers, maybe even family.

So please. Again I ask. Don't seek to harm them, Protect them like you would your own family, because one day it just might be.