Dear Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to Senate Bill 2199. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

The reason for this is that this bill would impose conditions that would be hostile to transgender citizens of North Dakota and their families, has the potential to increase suicidality, especially in ND youth, and would signal that our state suffers a lack of compassion, empathy, and opportunity to many people who might otherwise consider ND a good place to work, live, and raise a family.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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