As a mother of two children and a licensed professional counselor in North Dakota, I ask that you do not move forward with this bill. If the shared purpose for the State of North Dakota is to Empower People, Improve Lives and Inspire Success you should not promote or enact legislation that does the exact opposite. This bill does nothing to empower people, improve lives or inspire success for residents of North Dakota. On the contrary, it is harmful! Research shows that the acceptance of transgender youth's identities is associated with better outcomes, while misgendering and misnaming youth negatively impacts mental health and increases the risk of suicide.