SB 2199
Senate Judiciary Committee
From Cheryl Biller, D11, Fargo
Writing in Opposition

Dear Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary,

I am testifying in opposition to Senate Bill 2199. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

I have trans friends who finally found a sense of peace and purpose when they transitioned to the person they were meant to be. Their lives before transition were filled with unease, fear, and often suicide attempts.

Our founders intent that we all be able to pursue Life, Liberty, and Happiness is blown apart by this bill. Trans people, who do absolutely no harm to anyone, may well lose their lives as you take away their liberty and happiness. The risk of suicide rises exponentially when threats like these are policy and law. This bill demonstrates the height of hypocrisy and reveals the place of fear from which the drafters come.

Ranking near the very bottom of the list of states deemed safe for people in the LGBTQ community, this bill only serves to make ND look less and less attractive to people looking for a place where they can be free to live their lives, and others who recognize that that is important to young people.

Why on earth would anyone want to move to ND when hate is enshrined in our law and policy? This bill will only negatively impact the workforce issues faced by businesses across the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony,

Cheryl Biller