Dear Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Denise Dodd
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 impacts the people I care about, because I have a lot of people in my life that don't follow traditional gender roles. They're wonderful friends, family and community members. These people are near and dear to my heart, and they live every day with grace despite growing voices saying horrible things about them. These people have been influential to furthering my worldview, simply by living authentically and being unapologetically themselves.

People who are just trying to live their lives outside of what's traditional aren't deserving of multiple bills targeting them. They don't need more roadblocks and difficulties on their journey to living a happy life. No one deserves this just because they're different. You made a pledge to serve this community and trans people are in this community. They live here, work here, and have families here, we need to treat them the same as every other North Dakotan who chooses this state to call home.

We can all put in effort to learn and grow to support people who experience the world differently. More laws against them isn't how we move forward together as a state.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state

Best regards,

Denise Dodd