

Dear Senators, I am writing in opposition to SB 2199. This bill is a dangerous and harmful affront to the human rights of every North Dakotan. SB 2199 is discriminatory and while it is obviously targeted to discriminate against those who are transgender, I believe it will certainly be used against cisgender North Dakotans as well. Everyones presentation of their gender would be policed under SB 2199. Anyones gender identity or gender expression could be challenged. Gender is subjective to each person and what one considers a masculine expression versus feminine expression is varied. Additionally, an individuals DNA is not always an indication of their sex, determined sex at birth, gender, gender identity, or gender expression - biology is a vastly more complicated spectrum than what SB 2199 suggests. SB 2199 also fails to address North Dakotans who have intersex conditions - insisting that the only answer a DNA test would provide is male or female. As a lifelong resident of North Dakota, I urge you to defeat this bill and vote NO on SB 2199.