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I stand firmly AGAINST SB 2199. I am embarrassed that anyone representing North Dakota would propose legislation that only promotes unwarranted discrimination and hate. We have much more important, positive, and uplifting priorities to focus on here in North Dakota. Why are you wasting our tax dollars and time on this non-issue?

Exclusion and intentional misgendering can cause increased depression, debilitating anxiety, and self-harm. When respected and included, people will not only thrive, but lead productive lives that contribute to the overall success of our communities. I have witnessed this first hand as a mother and friend.

This regulation promotes invasive practices that violate personal freedoms. It threatens penalties for supporting marginalized people who are our friends, family, colleagues. People who just want to live authentically and enjoy the same opportunities as their peers.

Live and let live. If not, good luck retaining and attracting people to live and work here.

Respectfully submitted,
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