I, Rain A Larson, 26 of Fargo, am in opposition of SB 2199. I oppose this bill, as it is very clear the writers know nothing about gender identity, sex or how it is determined. There are countless flaws in this bill. To truly determine sex, one would need a full chromosomal work-up. (Who is responsible for funding the tests?)

If the writers of this bill looked into biology, they would realize there are many more options IN HUMANS than XX or XY chromosomes. This bill would not only FORCE misgendering of Trans individuals, but it would also completely ignore the existence of intersex individuals. It is clear that SB 2199 is not based off facts or beliefs, but off fear mongering and lies spread through right-wing media.

Furthermore, it does not harm anyone to request they use specific pronouns. The passing of SB 2199 is discriminatory and would be harmful to Trans and intersex individuals, especially youth. It would also harm people who make a simple mistake or use gender neutral pronouns if they are uncertain about the sex of the person they refer to.

Because there are currently no laws punishing anyone for refusing to use preferred pronouns, there is absolutely NO REASON to punish those who do respect an individual's preferred pronouns.