January 23, 2023

Re: SB 2231

Dear Committee,

This bill is laughably ignorant. Every person has the right to be affirmed in their identity and to be addressed in a way that makes them feel comfortable. To assume that all people are either "he" or "she" is a full erasure of anybody born intersex (which is a lot more than you might assume). It's also a full erasure of trans and non-binary individuals who also deserve respect and acknowledgement in our communities.

If I request to be called "Brittney" and not "Britt," only a real jerk would continue to call me "Britt." I think policies of respect and kindness and probably the best kind of policies for our schools and for our children.

Please, DO NOT PASS SB 2231

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