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HB 2231

Testimony in Opposition

Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Naomi Tabassum, and I am a resident in Fargo, ND. I have two minor children who attend (or will be attending) public school in Fargo. I oppose HB 2231 as it discriminates against students, teachers, and other employees of the school district from using and adopting inclusive policies regarding gender identity, expression, and use of pronouns. This bill is unnecessary and does not benefit anyone. Using preferred pronouns does not in any way harm or create an issue for cisgender people. We can respect the differences of others without outlawing or attacking people we don't understand or relate to. This also is a violation of free speech.

I urge you to render a DO NOT PASS on HB 2231.

Thank you for your time and service to the state,

Naomi Tabassum