



To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for reading my letter, formally submitted to you on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025. This letter is in regard to the proposed house bill 1491 as it pertains to the installation of less regulation in the state of North Dakota with transfer rules and policies of high school activities.

First, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Brad Ambrosius, and I am the Activities Director of Kindred Public Schools in Kindred, ND. This will be year two of my position at Kindred but my seventh year as an educator, coach, and supervisor in the Kindred School District. It is my desire to express to the committee the utmost contempt for the current house bill 1491 that is on the floor to be voted on.

As I have read, reviewed, and thought about this bill in its entirety there is nothing I can find in it that will benefit the young individuals of North Dakota, the communities, or the state by passing this legislative bill. As it currently sits the NDHSAA does a great job of acting on and enforcing the requirements of a full-on permanent residence move to be eligible for varsity competition in our state. By passing a bill like this you as a legislature and voice of the people are asking for chaos, individualism, and idea that loyalty is a characteristic better left in the past. Outlier communities of bigger cities, such as Kindred or Casselton are to Fargo, will become nothing more than feeder programs for the bigger schools in the area as they will see potential in freshman and sophomores of these smaller schools, and lure them to those bigger schools by boosters of these programs giving the parents money to rent an apartment in district. Essentially, you will destroy varsity level competition outside of the major metro areas. Something that is lost on this generation and something we need to get back to is the idea of loyalty and pride in your community, town, or school. These ideals are not just passing fancies, in my opinion, but legitimate life-long lessons to be held onto as your progress into your career, marriage, and other endeavors in your life. By allowing students to pick and choose the best programs around the place of residence from season to season, or even in-season, you are allowing certain individuals to put themselves on a pedestal above those that work-hard and have pride in their places of actual residence. Not to mention that only certain families will even get this opportunity either because they have gifted athletes or the money to have multiple residences all over.

The ridiculousness of a bill like this, the widespread chaos, and blatant attack on values; values that we are supposed to be giving to young men and women in activities, needs to be met with swift resistance. I played college sports at NDSU during their peak and know how far loyalty, pride, teamwork, and a belief in people other than yourself can take you. Please take this letter to heart and reach out to me with more questions if needed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brad Ambrosius', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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