

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee:
I am writing in support of HB 1144

Hi,

My name is Ashley Drury, but more importantly my daughter's name is Paisley.

Her name is more important because in a couple of years she will be starting elementary school, and when she does she will be zoned to a school that is petitioning to have unisex bathrooms built in the new addition. These bathrooms would have multiple closed stalls, but would open out into a common sink area, that also is open to the school hallway. The school is Prairie View Elementary in Devils Lake, ND. To most this should not be an issue, but to me it is. It is wrong to subject our children to this concept, because frankly it should not even be a concept. Why are we changing our morals, and ethics that society had forever just to accommodate one group of people. Girls are girls with girl things that deserve the privacy a girl's bathroom can provide, and boys deserve the same. If someone chooses and decides they do not want to identify with their born gender well I think we should allow a couple of stand-alone separate bathrooms for those individuals, and those bathrooms can also be utilized by special needs students and their paraprofessionals as well. I will homeschool my child before I allow her to be subjected to this kind of environment daily for her education. It's interesting that as I was growing up what a girl wore to school was scrutinized as distracting, but you have people dressing completely outside of their gender and we are just supposed to accept and accommodate them. Our world has turned from God, and the fundamental morals and standards we once held, and it breaks my heart. Please, I am praying that you pass this bill. And I am sorry for my rambling.

Thank you for your time,

Ashley Drury

A loving, concerned mother