January 26th, 2025

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 1144. This bill is essential in ensuring that the people of North Dakota receive the necessary legislative backing to maintain traditional, gender-specific bathrooms in schools across the state. It reinforces the principle that parents, not the school system, should have primary authority over the welfare of their children. Furthermore, it protects vulnerable youth by preventing them from being required to share bathroom facilities with individuals of a different gender while in the school environment.

I respectfully urge you to support the passage of HB 1144.

Respectfully, Patty Kavli