

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 1144.

Subjecting children in the schools to sharing bathroom space in any form, whether open/closed, full stall doors or partial stall doors is unacceptable. Children (or any person for that matter) should be granted privacy, safety and have their dignity preserved by the state.

Schools can accommodate transgender students (who represent an extremely small percentage of the population in ND) with single stall bathrooms or they can choose to adhere to school and state policies and use the bathroom of their birth gender. It is unjust to ask the majority of the population to sacrifice their privacy, dignity and safety, especially for females, for the sake of accommodating the very few people who are transgender.

Respectfully,
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