

Testimony in Opposition to HB 1181

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Honestly, I am worn out and appalled that we are having this same fight yet again, the fight is for my basic human rights, to be myself and for my family to be unbothered. I was born and raised in Minot, North Dakota. I am not some stranger or someone to be feared. I am asking for one thing, my family to be unbothered and have the same rights as everyone else.

Just like every human being on this earth my life deserves to be respected, and I deserve to have rights just as anyone else. HB 1181 not only would require me to change my driver license from male to female but would expose me to a life full of fear. Fear of what's next for transgender rights bills to take my rights or what will my kids futures look like when they must explain they have two dads, but the world will only see them as having a mom and dad. This bill is full of ignorance and makes me frustrated to my core. My kids deserve to grow up knowing that their parents have the same rights as everyone else.

Transgender and gender non-conforming individuals deserve the same rights as everyone else. Just because you do not understand does not mean there is no point in acknowledging them. Everyone deserves human rights no matter their beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, or religion.

This bill not only creates an environment of biased nature but also publicly excludes people. This Bill fosters the practice of excluding others when everyone deserves to be included.

Please Vote No on HB 1181