

Chair Ruby and Members of the Committee:

I strongly encourage you to vote against HB1181.

My husband and I have many transgender friends. This bill is one more attempt to delegitimize their lives. Bills like this continue to dissuade students from enrolling in North Dakota's schools. We know of families who left our state because of its hostile environment towards trans people.

Sit down and visit with a transgender person and you will gain a lot of insight into their challenges as well as joys.

Thank you for your service to North Dakota.

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