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Regarding House Bill No. 1181

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To the members of the House Health and Human Services Committee Committee,

I urge a strong NO vote on House Bill 1181 related to gender usage in the North Dakota Century Code. This bill makes a bizarre and misguided effort to control people's speech. Who will decide if someone uses a word that doesn't appear to match their determined sex at birth? Will the person be compelled to give a DNA sample? By whom? Who will pay for it?

By my reading, this bill is unenforceable and just another attempt to make people's lives (especially those who don't fit in) more difficult. The job of our legislature is to make people's lives better and safer here in ND. This bill does not do that.

Again, I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 1181. Please direct your efforts to legislation that serves and benefits the lives of all North Dakotans, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Thank you,
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