

Dear Chairman Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee,

I strongly urge you to reject HB 1144. This bill is both unnecessary and unsafe. It would require schools to designate restrooms and shower rooms as exclusively for males or females, prohibiting multi-stall gender-neutral facilities. This measure is touted as a solution to a nonexistent problem, and its true impact would be to increase bullying and harassment of transgender individuals.

The rhetoric surrounding this bill claims to prioritize student safety, but I firmly believe it would have the opposite effect. As a concerned parent, I can attest that this bill would not keep my children safe, nor would it protect any other children. Instead, it would perpetuate hate-fueled, transphobic rhetoric that has no place in North Dakota.

I urge you to consider the harm this bill could inflict on vulnerable students and to reject it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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