

Dear Committee,

As a lifetime ND resident and grandparent/aunt/family member of a potentially trans child. Seeing and hearing firsthand how bathroom situations in school become more than about going to the bathroom, for my elementary aged grandchild/nephew, it's about their mental health, health and identity. It causes them great distress to be forced to use their sex assigned at birth bathroom, and I do not believe gender separate bathrooms are necessary in school or public places.

I strongly stand In Opposition to HB1144 and believe schools should have the right to incorporate gender neutral bathrooms into their facilities, so that ALL children in the state of ND can use the bathroom freely and safely.

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