

Dear Chair Ruby and the members of the House Human Services Committee,

I urge a "Do Not Pass" on HB 1444.

ND citizens do not have the time for this bill. It affects a small population of kids, hoping to make life worse and more difficult to thrive in. I have seen firsthand what removing basic accommodations does to anyone from here or elsewhere. Our state's focus should be on helping these kids. Our education systems are still being crippled by not enough economic support. Our businesses are shutting down due to lack of help. Our farmers are losing lands due to lack of help. People are struggling.

But this bill focuses on adding fire to a culture war, in the hopes that it'll distract from the needs elsewhere. Please consider supporting our people & reducing the harm caused by bills like these. We have actual work needed elsewhere that doesn't rely on making trans kids lives more difficult.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,
Bee Hayes