Senate Education Committee HB 1144 - Testimony in Opposition March 24, 2025

Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 1144. As a public educator who works in a brand-new school this year, I see first-hand the benefits of the single-stall bathrooms. Students are provided better security, privacy, and comfort than traditional multi-stall bathrooms. Students who would often avoid the old restrooms all day, are now given another option at school and do not have to wait until they get home at the end of the day. Remodeling these newly-constructed restrooms would cost the school–and taxpayers–needless wasted dollars. If students are not comfortable with the single-stall restrooms, they are able to use several other "traditional" school restrooms within the building.

Maybe some of our lawmakers need to go back to school and actually see for themselves what is benefitting and hurting our students. I guarantee you will find more pressing issues than bathrooms. Let's stop wasting time on these non-serious bills that only seek to discriminate against and attack our LGBTQ students. They end up hurting all students. I urge you to vote NO on HB 1144.

Thank you, Shannon Krueger District 3 Minot, ND