

March 19, 2025

Chairman and Committee Members,

I respectfully request that you consider a vote of NO on HB 1181. If you do not have first-hand experience with a transgender human in your life, the unknown can be hard to understand. I am a mother of a transgender young adult. It was only through opening my mind, educating myself about the science-based research on the how the brain and body can sometimes misalign in utero, and working thoroughly with trusted medical teams, school officials, our faith community, family and friends that my child has been able to not only survive, but thrive in life. When there is a community that is accepting, inclusive, and respectful it can literally save lives. No one that I know personally that is transgender is out to make others feel uncomfortable. They simply want to feel safe and respected just as anyone else does in life. HB 1181 puts the North Dakotan transgender population at risk to be harmed by others or by themselves if we allowed blatant disregard for their identity which matches their brain, allow alienation, prejudice, or stripping away of rights to be considered acceptable against this already highly marginalized group of people. If passed, it codifies the alienation of our fellow humans and puts lives at risk. Do not pass HB 1181.

Respectfully submitted,

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