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Senate Education Committee
Testimony in Support of HB 1181

Chairman Todd Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee, I am Linda Thorson, State Director for Concerned Women for America, testifying for Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee. I am here today on behalf of our North Dakota members in support of [1181](#).

It is a biological reality that an individual's gender is the individual's sex; sex is binary, is scientifically accurate, and a person's claim of "gender identity" does not overrule their sex. Women see they are losing their rights because of vicious trans activism that shows little care for their concerns. The dignity of every woman is under assault in today's increasingly nonsensical culture wars.¹

Men and women are created uniquely and immutably by God. The status and dignity of women and girls should not be compromised in law or policy. Sex-based distinctions that protect women in every area, such as shelters, housing, healthcare, defense, prisons, education, and sports should be affirmed.

This legislation aligns our policy with the federal government policy stated in President Donald Trump's [Executive Order, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](#), which said, "It is the policy of the United States to recognize two sexes, male and female. These sexes are not changeable and are grounded in fundamental and incontrovertible reality."²

Basing our state policies on the truth is key to public safety and the promotion of biological facts and trust in our government officials. As stated in the Presidential Executive Order given on January 20, 2025, "Invalidating the true and biological category of 'woman' improperly transforms laws and policies designed to protect sex-based opportunities into laws and

¹ CWALAC Presidential Promise to American Women, 2024, [CWALAC-Presidential-Promise-to-American-Women – Concerned Women for America](#)

² The White House, January 20, 2025, Presidential Order, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*, [Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government – The White House](#)

policies that undermine them, replacing longstanding, cherished legal rights and values with an identity-based, inchoate social concept.”³

Defining an individual’s gender as the same as the individual’s sex, in all policies, forms, and materials of state agencies, institutions of higher education, and public schools that receive state funding upholds the truth and affirms the dignity of women.

Please vote “Do Pass” on HB 1181.