

Members of the ND Senate Education Committee.

I am writing in opposition to HB 1181.

Narrowly defining gender solely as an individual's sex does not reflect a wider societal understanding that gender identity and sex are defined differently. This bill will cause further hurt and harm to transgender and non-binary North Dakotans by seeking to erase their unique identity. Your role as legislators is to pass legislation that supports the health, wellbeing, and safety of North Dakotans. This bill does the opposite by targeting a specific population of people.

It is unclear why you are spending such a large amount of time and resources on such a small portion of the population when there are many other issues impacting the whole state.

I urge a do not pass.

Thank you,

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