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Greetings,

My name is Rachel Anastasia Ginter, and I am an LGBTQ+ Ally. I am writing in opposition of North Dakota House Bill 1298.

As someone who has lived in the Fargo/Moorhead area during my undergrad, I find ND HB 1298, which would allow discrimination against Trans, Non-Binary, and intersex individuals from participating in gendered sports that do not align with their assigned sex at birth, an atrocious violation of their rights, but even more, a direct act to avoid a bigger conversation on things that may make us uncomfortable or go against a societal norm.

As someone who identifies as Cis-Gender, I now realize the privilege I have and grew up with. As a young child, I dreamed about partaking in extracurricular activities, such as varsity high school soccer. Although, I was not very good, it taught me real friendship, team building skills, and taught me I belonged and was wanted. To think that a child may have to entertain the idea that they are not wanted where they feel they belong, is such a pain that I fear they would never forget.

There are many statistics that show this direct correlation, which I could add in this letter, but I am sure you are already aware of these statistics, which is why I am writing to you as a human with empathy to implore you to re-think ND HB 1298.

Thank you,

Rachel Anastasia Ginter