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I am a Minot Citizen and a big activist for the LGBT+ community. I also identify as transgender. This bill if passed will be detrimental to transgender individuals mental health. People who identify as Transgender are more likely then their cisgender peers to attempt or think about suicide. The way we can help these individuals is to be in support. We need to show these people that they are loved and just as normal as everyone else because we are.

We don't do this to try and gain advantages. In fact, many of us face discrimination and lots of us in our day to day lives. We are often pushed to the side because of how we identify. Some face death threats, physical or emotional trauma, and even assault. We are no different than our peers.

For example, I use the men's restroom no matter the setting because that's what I am. People will look at me and know who I am. This causes anger to some people. I will get yelled at or named called just for trying to go to the bathroom.

I fear that if this bill passes I will loose my letter in cross country from my freshman year before my transition. I do not think that I should because I earned that just like everyone else that got one did.

This bill is discrimination and complete bigotry. The fact of the matter is that you are trying to give cisgender people a reason to discrimination against the LGBT+ community. This is not fair. My rights should never be up for debate. Especially by not some cisgender white men that aren't even affected by my life. I am tired of them trying to pull us back into the 20th century. The thing that makes me the most angry is that they don't know how us being who we are has affected our whole lives. We will forever be looked at differently because of people who are too stuck up to accept other people's life.

This is the 21st century. Can't we all just live our own lives. We all deserve equal rights. Everyone!