

Trans people belong everywhere in North Dakota - including sports. That's why I'm urging you to vote no on House Bill 1298, legislation that would ban transgender athletes under the age of 18 from competing on the sports teams that match their gender identity.

All students should have the opportunity to play sports and have their personal dignity respected. Transgender students are no different.

No one is harmed by allowing transgender students to compete consistent with who they are - and the North Dakota High School Activities Association already has a policy in place for transgender athletes.

House Bill 1298 is clearly fueled by fear and misunderstanding of transgender people in our state.

Instead of leveling the playing field, this legislation would place hurdles in front of students just because they're transgender. I'm urging you to vote no on House Bill 1298 and focus on issues that really matter to the people of our state.