I am writing in opposition to HB1298. As a healthcare provider and a business owner who routinely works with youth and transgender individuals, I believe this bill provides little benefit and instead discriminates again youth in our state. Numerous professional athletic organizations have released statements over the years stating that bills, policies and laws such as HB1298 aren't necessary and actually can be harmful. As a business owner in Fargo, I would feel ashamed offering healthcare services to transgender youth in a state that has laws that may discriminate against them. I urge you to vote against this bill.