Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am in support of HB1298. Please pass HB1298.

I have 5 children; 3 of them are girls ranging in ages 10-15. My girls are involved in basketball, volleyball, swimming, and track through their schools and in clubs. They have aspirations of competing competitively and earning scholarships through sports to further their educations. By allowing biological males to compete it gives them a large disadvantage. We were created with biological diversity that should be celebrated not penalized.

I am aware of statements being made by those opposing the bill that if this bill passes it will be an end to club sports in ND. This is a false claim being made. There are no provisions for USA swimming or USA volleyball that will prohibit athletes from participating in the state of ND if HB1298 passes. Please vote to support HB1298.

Respectfully submitted,

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