

Dear Chair Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1254. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass. The fact that we have a bill going through the North Dakota legislation that is aimed at telling parents and youth how to use their healthcare is again the state trying to regulate their citizen. This also hedges on the idea that we can pick and chose how gender expression and sexuality can be governed. This goes against every scientific study and scientific fact that is common knowledge to those that actually do real research. You can't change DNA. To be LGBTQIA2S+ cannot be groomed or changed by anyone. The science has already proven it. Youth is constantly told by the state of ND that they are less than. We have some high suicide rates among our LGBTQIA2S+ youth because of these very actions of our state.

You can't say that you want to protect the children of North Dakota and then pick and choose. Truly it is that simple.

It is for these reasons that I ask you to vote Do Not Pass. Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.

Best regards,

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