

January 23rd, 2023

Regarding House Bill 1301

Dear ND House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1301. I ask that you give this bill a **DO NOT PASS**.

This legislation along with others like it are billed as protecting children when in fact, they will do the opposite. It is well accepted practice in the medical community to provide gender affirming care to treat Gender Dysmorphia. Please listen to the expert testimony of medical practitioners and oppose this harmful bill. Please let parents make the right choices for their children's health and well being.

To continue pushing this kind of legislation tells both Trans youth and adults that they are not entitled to the same rights as everyone else. It disallows and criminalizes parents for doing what is best for their childrens and it will increase stress and lead to increased cases of harm and even death.

Why waste ND resources on increasing harm? Why not spend our resources lifting others up?

Please search your hearts and minds, and make the compassionate, rational decision.

Respectfully,

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