

Senate Judiciary Committee
March 20th, 2023
SB 2231 - Testimony in Opposition

Dear Chair Larson and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Shannon Krueger, District 3 resident, life-long North Dakota resident, educator, and mother; and I am writing in opposition of SB 2231.

As a former special education teacher and a practicing school counselor, I see firsthand the challenges our students face in schools. Their mental health, food insecurity, poverty, and lack of educational funding prevent many from prioritizing their education. Students with unmet basic needs have less focus on academics. Educators and school staff are stretched thin and covering shortages. The education system needs your help in meaningful, measurable actions--not made-up issues dealing with gender and sex.

As a constituent, I would much rather see legislative efforts to address the major issues at hand. Please give this bill a "do not pass," giving this session time to focus on better-suited issues that matter to North Dakota residents.

Thank you.