

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My name is Mariah Ralston Deragon, and I am writing to urge you to VOTE NO on HB1473.

I would suggest you read Alannah Valenta's testimony on this bill. Alannah is the current NDASP President, and she submitted her testimony on behalf of the North Dakota Association of School Psychologists.

I would also suggest you read the dozens of other testimony provided on this bill, written by transgender individuals, family members, and allies- who spell out exactly for you why this bill is harmful, cruel, intrusive, unnecessary, and ultimately discriminatory.

Transgender and gender nonconforming people have a right to use whatever restroom or locker room that corresponds to their gender identity and without the need for an accommodation request.

I am joining business owners and executives, community leaders, clergy of all faiths, medical experts, parents, educators, athletic organizations, and tourism promoters in recommending you choose to VOTE NO on HB1473.

Sincerely,  
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