

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

To: Chair Lee, Vice Chair Roers, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

My name is Mariah Ralston Deragon, and I oppose HB 1474. I echo what numerous others have voiced in their written testimony: Mainly, that putting into code such narrow definitions excludes not only transgender individuals but also intersex individuals and individuals with disorders of sexual development.

I am at a loss as to why the 68<sup>th</sup> ND Legislature continues to disregard the expert advice and testimony of numerous professionals in a variety of medical fields. This not only hurts the Legislature's ability to make evidence-based policy, but it damages the public trust.

I urge you to VOTE NO on HB 1474.

Sincerely,

Mariah Ralston Deragon