

Thank you, Members of the House Human Service Committee, my name is Karen Krenz, I am from District 1, and a mother of 3 boys. I was a teacher and counselor for combined 23 years in multiple districts. I am a chair for Moms for Liberty Williams County chapter. I am asking that you please render a DO PASS on HB 1522. “He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them “mankind” when they were created.” Genesis 5:2. This is the same Jedidiah Christians God that our county was built on. So, thank God because I nor anyone else would be able to stand here right now and have the opportunity to speak on behalf of “we the people” if it was not for HIM. Schools should provide separate bathroom and locker room facilities based on biological sex, not gender identity, as they have done for hundreds of years. Policies based on gender identity are purely ideological in nature and particularly harm women and girls by compromising their privacy and safety. This bill is very important to reinforce the biological sex separate in bathrooms and locker rooms in our schools. We met with our HS administration July 2022, before school began and asked about a plan on how to address the transgenders in our schools. They told us at that meeting that they will be able to use the family bathroom. Then Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, on an email response the administration said the transgender bathroom is not an issue at the HS. Then, there was a transgender boy going into the girls bathroom multiple times, several students complained to their parents that triggered them to reached out to Moms for Liberty Williams County. We empowered the parents to reach out to the HS administration. The parents asked them to pull camera footage for proof and it was confirmed. One of the girls was particular upset because not only were her privacy rights violated, the transgender boy did say, “It smells like fish in here, you girls are gross.”

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue and for your service to the state of North Dakota.

Karen Krenz