

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

“My name is Thea Holter and I reside in District 1. I am asking that you please render a DO PASS on Senate Bill 2231.”

The transgender movement has infiltrated every area of society and in every institution, including schools. There is no logical argument or medical evidence to support gender ideology, and as such, activists have had to resort to authoritarian means and bully tacts like compelled speech to inject their religion into policy. One example was in Wisconsin, a school district reportedly filed a Title IX complaint against three middle school boys, accusing them of “sexual harassment” for using the wrong pronouns.

The Supreme Court has recognized that the government may not compel a speaker to affirm a belief with which the speaker disagrees. The state of North Dakota should clearly assert this foundational principle of free speech in order to protect government employees from being compelled to violate their religious beliefs or opinions.

Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota and for your time deliberating this issue at hand.

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