

Dear Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

As a lifelong resident of Minot, I am writing today in opposition to Senate Bill 2231.

Transgender individuals live, love, and exist in our community in valuable and important ways.

This bill, along with many other written this session, are an unnecessary method of targeting trans lives with no positive benefit. Queer individuals, especially youth, are already at an elevated risk of suicide, self-harm, depression, and anxiety. There is absolutely no reason that we need this kind of intervention in our schools, government offices, or boards. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Mary Elizabeth Gamas