

Senate Bill 2231

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Shawna Grubb and I reside in District 35. I am asking that you please render a DO PASS on Senate Bill 2231.

- Requiring employees and students to perpetuate the delusions of the mentally ill will not bring healing to the mentally ill, nor will it benefit society.
- Requiring teachers to violate their religious beliefs and opinions for employment will result in more teachers leaving the profession and an increase in the teacher shortage.
- 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 tactics like compelled speech to inject their religion into policy. Two examples:
 - A section in the revised Fairfax County Public Schools “Student Rights and Responsibilities” draft handbook would punish students with [suspension](#) for “misgendering” a classmate.
 - 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 consideration of this important matter and for your service to the state of North Dakota.

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