

I was born in North Dakota in the 80's, and for the majority of my life, I have been proud to be from this state. However, the introduction of bills like this that completely erase the identity of individuals, in particular our youth, make me ashamed to be from this state. My partner and I are in the process of moving out of this state, in large part due to narrow minded, hate filled views such as this bill supports. We no longer feel that this state is safe for us or our children. Our oldest uses preferred pronouns, and, as a parent, how do you tell your child that their school can discriminate against them in this manner and that the law supports this kind of discrimination? How can I tell them that if they go to their teachers or police for help, that they can't do anything about it because the law says that it's ok to not treat people like humans? This state is no longer worthy of my property tax or income tax, as I'm keeping my job at well known locally owned Fargo company and working remotely from another state.