Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee: I am writing in support of HB 1144.

I support this house Bill HD 1144, not only for the safety, but for the well-being of children in schools.

I really feel there should be labeled restrooms for boys/girls and not shared gendered bathroom closet style stalls. My reasons are that boys/girls have different needs in restrooms and this should all be private.

Students should not feel embarrassed with their private needs, and this could potentially lead to bullying among students. I personally would not want to share space with the opposite sex. If I was at a public event.

I also understand that accommodations for transgender students would be made, so all needs are met.

Thank you for protecting the students and communities of North Dakota

Sincerely, Renae Haman, Crary, ND