

**House Political Subdivisions Committee**  
**January 29, 2025**  
**HB 1273 - Testimony in Opposition**

Chairman Longmuir and members of the Committee,

My name is Shannon Krueger and I am writing in opposition of HB 1273.

I am a lifelong resident of North Dakota. I was raised with North Dakota values and the ideals of "North Dakota nice." Hate speech has no place here—or anywhere. Attempts to brush it off as anything less is irresponsible, to say the least. Words matter. Speech leads to action. There is enough free-flowing hate in the world—there is no good reason to condone it in any form. I urge you to please vote NO on HB 1273.

Thank you.