

Members of the House Human Services Committee,

My name is Shelby Downey and I reside in District #38. I am asking that you please render a DO PASS on House Bill 1254.

We must protect the physical bodies of young people who are falling victim to an ideology gone wild in today's culture. Countless studies have proven that children who are NOT affirmed in their gender dysphoric beliefs will most often not pursue a gender change into adulthood. But we are seeing now with the affirmation of this dysphoria at young ages, children no longer have the reasoning ability to walk away from these false ideologies as adults.

We cannot allow minors to disfigure their bodies, sterilize themselves, and make life altering decisions that cannot be reversed later in life. Pediatric medicine has been hijacked by activists and the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics should be dismissed as socially constructed pseudoscience.

I urge you to vote DO PASS on House Bill 1502.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your service to the state of North Dakota.

- Shelby Downey