

January 23rd, 2023

Regarding House Bill 1254

Dear ND House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1254. I ask that you give this bill a **DO NOT PASS**.

This legislation along with others like it are billed as protecting children when in fact, they will do the opposite. It is well accepted practice in the medical community to provide gender affirming care to treat Gender Dysmorphia. Please listen to the expert testimony of medical practitioners and oppose this harmful bill.

To continue pushing this kind of legislation tells both Trans youth and adults that they are not entitled to the same rights as everyone else. It will increase stress and lead to increased cases of harm and even death.

Please search your hearts and minds, and make the compassionate, rational decision.

Respectfully,

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