

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My name is Maura Ferguson and I am writing this testimony as a resident of ND and independently from my employer. My views do not represent my employer. I write to you today as a licensed social worker, community organizer, a mother, and as someone who cares very much about the LGBTQIA+ community.

I strongly oppose HB 1254 and I urge you to do the same. The North Dakota legislature has no business making medical decisions for

ND residents. These decisions should be left to medical professionals, and parents with input from the children themselves. This bill is government overreach that is rooted in fear of gender nonconforming people, and that is wrong.

I urge you to vote Do Not Pass on HB 1254.

Sincerely,

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