

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee,

I am writing to oppose HB 1254 which prohibits gender-affirming medical care.

Everyone deserves to have the best medical care and the state of North Dakota is known for our excellent medical care. To prohibit medical care for LGBTQ will increase the mental health risks for our LGBTQ youth. Right now 72.7% of LGBTQ youth did not feel safe at school most of the time or always. Gender-affirming medical is a path to feeling safe for many youth, and you are cruelly denying them the opportunity to be safe as they walk around the streets of our beautiful state.

Please keep our LGBTQ youth safe and vote Do Not Pass on this bill.

Sincerely,

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