Testimony HB 1254

Dear Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

My name is Sheila Glaser and I am a registered voter from District 7. I am asking for a DO PASS on HB 1254. Never would I have thought this would be an issue in North Dakota or the United States of America. If a minor is not to smoke a cigarette prior to age 18, deemed rape if having sex prior to age 18, and cannot drink alcoholic beverages prior to 21 due to the development of the brain; why on God's green earth, would we allow a minor to make a life altering, irreversible decision. My mind cannot wrap around why anyone would support such irreversible actions to a human being that doesn't have "water under the bridge"? Life can have its uncertainties and its hurts through all ages, so taking advantage of a young mind is just wrong. The struggle they are in may need a shoulder to lean on; but I do not see how the introduction of a gender change could even enter into the discussion as a solution. PLEASE PASS HB 1254!