

## Testimony in opposition to #1254

The definition of "sex" is too restrictive. Some people are born with characteristics of both sexes. If you need to create a definition, perhaps we could add a phrase: "or biological state that the person most identifies with."

The restrictions on the medical community and the patients they serve are too extreme. Medical providers need to provide services that are in the best interest of the patient. This statute will hinder their ability to do that. This bill also interferes with every parent's right to seek the best care available for their children.

These restrictions serve no purpose other than to reinforce discriminatory viewpoints. They will discourage qualified medical professionals from practicing in North Dakota.