

My name is Shawn Goodhart Schenkemeyer and I'm asking you to reject HSB242. This bill would remove basic protections for my transgender niece and other transgender Iowans leaving them vulnerable to discrimination in all aspects of their lives. She is a human being who deserves respect and dignity. Every hardworking Iowan including those who are intersex and transgender should be treated fairly and equally by the laws of our state. Transgender Iowans should be afforded the same opportunities as any other Iowan, such as, getting a good job, renting an apartment, obtaining a credit card and simply being able to compete on the same level as their peers. These basic anti-discrimination protections are an important part of any merit-based system. This bill would also discriminate against women that aren't included in Iowa's sex discrimination statute. Transgender and intersex people are humans that deserve basic human rights in this state just like you and me. Transgender people are our friends, family, neighbor's and coworkers and should be treated the same as any other Iowan. Please, I implore you to stand up for basic human rights for ALL Iowans. Vote against HSB242