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Greetings Senators,

My name is David Anderson and I'm writing to you today to ask you to vote NO on HF 2557.

This bill is scientifically inaccurate and incorrect; biology and gender are complicated, especially if you're being honest about the science. If you want the short version, read this: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/blog/voices/stop-using-phony-science-to-justify-transphobia/> If you want a deeper dive, watch this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVQplt7Chos> And feel free to check out the extensive references.

I have quite a few friends with gender dysphoria. On the rare occasions my conversations with them turn to this subject, a typical statement is that trying to operate on the wrong hormones is like running a gasoline engine on diesel. It doesn't work well, and it's a lot easier to get the correct fuel than it is to swap out an engine.

This bill almost explicitly allows for something called "conversion therapy". In reality, this is nothing but torture. The experts on torture say so: <https://web.archive.org/web/20210107053543/https://irct.org/media-and-resources/latest-news/article/1027> and so does a survivor of conversion therapy: <https://www.amazon.com/Was-Abomination-Survival-Conservative-America/dp/1966655258/> Furthermore, I would like to remind you of the basis of good morals and ethics, as phrased in Matthew 25:40: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Finally, this state's economy already has a problem with population loss; passing this bill will only make the problem worse, as transgender people move away, or possibly die. Parents of transgender, or non-binary, or intersex children who actually love them will be incentivized to move away. Furthermore, I don't want to live in a state that treats its citizens this way, and will strongly consider moving away myself, before you find a way to harm me. That is, even more than ignoring the crisis of our dirty water is harming me.

Sincerely,

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