

Additional talking points and messaging ideas for your efforts to defeat House Bill 1298 in North Dakota.

House Bill 1298 would exclude transgender students from enjoying the same opportunities and programs as their peers.

Having the opportunity to participate in sports results in positive outcomes for students—better grades, greater homework completion, higher educational and occupational aspirations, and improved self-esteem.

This bill won't make sports safer or fairer for any student — all it would do is stigmatize and exclude a group of students who already face high levels of discrimination.

Despite the fact that trans people of all ages have been participating in sports consistent with their gender at all levels for years, we simply have not seen any dominance by trans athletes at any level of competition.

The bill would reach athletes from other states and schools by barring any competition in a North Dakota state facility. This undermines NCAA policy and could cause North Dakota schools to have to forfeit competition.

If passed, this bill will end up in expensive litigation that could cost North Dakota taxpayers millions of dollars.

House Bill 1298 violates both the United States Constitution and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, which protects all students – including those who are transgender – from discrimination based on sex.