

Urgent CWA of North Dakota Legislative Alert
Sexual Orientation Bill
SB2278

March 19, 2009

**This is not about *civil rights*, it's about *special rights!*
Your action is needed today!**

The Supreme Court has devised a three-part test to determine whether a class of persons qualifies as a true minority: They must be defined by an immutable characteristic (unchangeable, like skin color); they must be economically deprived, and they must suffer from a history of discrimination and political powerlessness. Sexual orientation fits into none of these prerequisite categories. In reality, a certain chosen lifestyle has nothing to do with civil rights and everything to do with conduct.

“Sexual orientation” is a radical challenge to the beliefs of all major religious faiths, because it attacks the notion that sexual behavior has moral dimensions.

SB 2278, the sexual orientation bill was heard in the House Human Services Committee yesterday. The bill received a very good hearing, and the supporters of this unconstitutional bill did NOT provide any evidence to require such a law to be established. Thank you to all that testified against this bill, those that showed up in support and to all those at home in prayer!

The committee will take action on the bill on Monday, and the bill could be voted on in the House as early as next Wednesday if the committee sends it to the House.

Action required!

Please contact the Human Service Committee members urging a Do Not Pass vote, and to resist any amendments that may be proposed.

Human Services Committee - Meets Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

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Next, please contact your District House members, and any other House members you can urging a NO vote. To find who yours are:

[Click here](#) to find out what district you are in.

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The following House members are *especially* important representatives to contact due to pressure they may have to support SB2278:

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Concerns with SB 2278:

Public restrooms and locker rooms

The definition of sexual orientation includes ‘gender identity’ which means actual or perceived identity, appearance, or mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of an individual, regardless of the individuals designated gender at birth. In other words,

that gender can change, and if a man perceives his gender to be a woman, that person would be able to enter the ladies public restroom, along with women and girls.

Private business

Will businesses be protected from not being forced to offer services against their will, or maintaining a workforce to carry out the best interests of their business?

Schools and students

This bill will lay the groundwork for normalizing this behavior, by attempting to introduce curriculum teaching children as young as kindergarten, that same-sex attraction and sexual identity confusion are normal behaviors.

Religious liberty

Our culture in North Dakota respects our faith and religious liberties. While this bill may contain limited exemptions for religious organizations, it falls far short. This exemption offers no protection for the people of faith at they return to their homes, businesses, and communities.

[Click here](#) to read CWA testimony against SB2278.