

9. In Opposition to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Anti-Discrimination Bills (SOGI) – John Trandem, D45

WHEREAS: The North Dakota Republican Party advocates an affirming approach to biological identity and supports the restoration of gender dysphoric individuals, that they may embrace and be comfortable with their natural biological state; and

WHEREAS: SOGI bills seek to pacify gender dysphoric individuals by compromising the comfort and safety of an untold number of bystanders; and

WHEREAS: SOGI bills do not provide means to test the veracity of the claimant who identifies as other than his or her biological gender; and

WHEREAS: SOGI bills do not typically contain provisions whereby individuals who make the claim to be opposite or other than their biological gender shall be prohibited from entering facilities designated for use by members who are biologically the opposite sex; and

WHEREAS: SOGI bills open the door for non-gender dysphoric individuals to exploit the opportunity to enter opposite-sex facilities for purposes other than those for which they were designed, which may be impossible to detect or identify; provide legal means to initiate action against anyone who may question their motives in entering an opposite-gender facility, effectively rendering such inquiries impractical for fear of retribution; and grant protection to non-gender-dysphoric voyeurs who wish to prey on members of the opposite sex; and

WHEREAS: The North Dakota Republican Party stands in firm opposition to any effort that may lead to or facilitate sexual assault; and

WHEREAS: SOGI bills in some cases criminalize non-use of certain preferred pronouns and can be weaponized against religious and individual liberties (Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission), now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party opposes the passage of legislation that adds sexual orientation and gender identity to our Century Code as protected classes.