

-Ann Tweedy, Vermillion. I am a resident of Vermillion. Please vote against HB 1259. This is a bill based on fear and unfortunately hate. There is no record of trans people assaulting anyone in bathrooms. South Dakota needs to be a place where everyone feels safe, not a state where the most marginalized and smallest groups are attacked with hateful legislation based on unfounded fears. Please demand to see the evidence of assaults that this bill is purportedly based on. My son goes to Vermillion High School and has experienced zero problems with trans people in bathrooms, nor has he heard of any. The bill goes against local control as well. Each locality having its own rules should be supported. Our bookstore owner in Vermillion has also stated that he and his family will have to leave the state if this bill passes. His wife is a USD faculty member. Think about all the residents you will be driving away if you vote for this bill. Sincerely, Ann Tweedy, Vermillion