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To:
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Veterans Affairs Cmte.
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re: Oppose LB 730

Dear Chairperson Sanders & Members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee,

On behalf of Omaha ForUs, a nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit community center serving at-risk individuals & families in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa, I write in opposition to LB 730.

LB 730 unfairly and unnecessarily redefines "sex" in state law using rigid, binary definitions that endanger transgender & gender-expansive people and restricts bathroom access in state buildings, including public schools. Such a law increases discrimination, encourages harassment, and creates additional barriers to existing in public.

As Nebraska faces hundreds of millions in budget shortfall, a bill which invites costly, impractical implementation and legal exposure is fiscally irresponsible. Perhaps most shocking is the notion that any population of tax-paying Nebraskans would be expected to sacrifice their safety & dignity in the public spaces their tax dollars have helped to build and maintain, simply because of who they are.

Redefining sex in state statute establishes a pretext with dangerous implications. It emboldens anyone to question a stranger's sex, genitalia, and/or gender expression. We heard this refrain from the testimony of numerous women last session. LB 730 does not make anyone safer.

To substantively address privacy and safety in sex-segregated spaces, invest in capital improvements. At the very least, statute must target specific, harmful behaviors by individuals, not the identity of the individuals themselves.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director