

## **Why House Bill 183 (The Bathroom Bill) should not be passed and why it's dangerous.**

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Hello, my name is Samantha Lee and I'm a 23-year-old transgender woman and I am submitting my written testimony to vote No on HB183. This is a very dangerous bill that you are trying to pass. I am a woman and I look like a woman and would feel unsafe being forced to use the men's restroom. Forcing transgender woman to use the men's restroom puts their safety at risk. I'm a college student and am doing well in college. but if I was forced to use the men's restroom on my college campus it would be unsafe for me.

There is a lot of hate toward transgender people, especially people who don't understand this is not a choice to be transgender. I've known since age 5 that I was really a girl and have felt miserable for years using the men's restroom. Once I transitioned and was able to start using the women's restroom and finally started to feel safe and finally at peace with my true female gender identity. I finally felt safe and confident that I would not be assaulted when using the public bathroom. If I had to start using the mens bathroom as a woman with full breasts I would be in danger of being attacked, raped, or possibly murdered by a man who hates trans women. I am a legal female with the full body of a female. If I am forced to use the male bathroom it would be known by all men in that restroom that I was male bodied at birth. I would be on display for all men and the very thing I have tried to hide my whole life, being male bodied at birth would be known. My mind and body are finally female and it would not be right to be forced to use the men's bathroom and possibly be assaulted or worse. To look at me no one would question if I'm a female. I am 100% female. Please consider mine and others safety when thinking about this bill.