

I rise today in opposition to this so called “budget” that is filled with blatant and disgusting anti-trans hate.

The legislation that is under consideration is an unprovoked attack on the trans community. A marginalized community that is simply asking for the right to exist. Restricting someone’s ID or Birth Certificate and trying to criminalize their existence is beyond repulsive.

I am quite sure that many of you align as Christian; well so do I and these actions are NOT christ like. Christ said to love your neighbor. I don’t recall any stipulations on that either.

I myself am a member of the trans community and I have fought to become the woman am today. I have stood up in the face of adversity my entire life. I have endured a life of torment and hardship simply trying to exist as the person that I am. I’ll be damned if I sit quietly and let you strip my rights away after my hard earned freedom as the woman I have become. I will stand up against any legislation that infringes on my right to exist. I will stand up and fight it in the courts. I will stand up and fight for not just myself and my community, but all of those without a voice. Most importantly, I will fight any hate head on at the ballot box and make sure others do to.

My name is Jenna Bowen and the trans community is not going anywhere. We have always existed and will continue to exist.