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I'm alarmed by LD 1002's mandate that schools refer to students only by the name and gender on their birth certificate—unless a parent jumps through hoops with written permission or updated legal documents—because it effectively erases and outcasts transgender and non-binary youth in our classrooms. Forcing a child to use the wrong name and pronouns undermines their dignity, jeopardizes their mental health, and creates an environment where bullying and shame thrive. Schools should be safe spaces that respect each student's identity, not battlegrounds for state-sanctioned misgendering. We must oppose this bill and insist that every child be affirmed and supported by the very adults entrusted with their education and well-being.