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House Committee on Education
Rep. Adam Thomas, Chair

Aerik Knapp-Loomis
Resident

HB2238 – Creating the "fairness in women's sports" act to require that female student athletic teams only include members who are biologically female.

Opponent, Written Only

Chair Thomas and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Opponent testimony on HB2238.

My name is Aerik Knapp-Loomis, resident, and this bill is unacceptable. It's just hate. It's unfounded paranoia and belligerence, designed to help no one, and inflict cruelty on many.

Trans athletes do not have an advantage. They've been here the whole time. Your best story is a trans athlete coming in EIGHTEENTH place in a regional. If they had a real advantage, they'd be winning better than that all over the place. But they don't. The "theft" of trophies just isn't happening. You're making it up.

Drop it. Just drop the bill. Stop the hate. If you find yourself imagining that some minority is ontologically evil, just stop and have a long think about yourself and why you're really so scared.

All you can do is inspire people to commit violence, including against cis girls who "look too butch." You're even hurting yourself.