

Statement by Brett Hoedl
In Opposition to SB208
Senate Education Committee
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To Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing today in strong opposition to bill SB208. This is just the latest in a long series of attacks on the transgender community in Kansas and it's even more appalling that it is targeting kids. This bill is a nonsense solution in search of a problem. It's a bill that is born out of ignorance and is extremely disturbing in its overreach. There is no evidence that this bill or any bills like it are needed. KSHSAA has policies in place for transgender athletes. Many school districts have policies in place. Trying to dictate that a bunch of politicians know better than the leaders of these other organizations is ridiculous. Whatever happened to local control?

Just entertaining a bill like this has consequences. It puts a target on the back of every transgender student and their families in Kansas. It makes Kansas look foolish to businesses that may want to locate here or are trying to do business here. It's a step backwards when we should be providing support to these students.

Please reject SB208 and any other discriminatory bill that comes before your committee this session.

Sincerely,

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