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Testimony in Opposition of SB208  
Kansas Senate Education Committee  
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As a parent in Kansas, I am writing to you today to express my concern over SB208 and the harmful outcomes this bill could have on the transgender community if it is passed as written. Much of the language of SB208 is not based in scientific fact and gives little thought to the ramifications of this bill on trans youth. There is no scientifically sound evidence that indicates transgender athletes have any physiological competitive advantage over their cisgender competitors. There is, however, lots of evidence that excluding trans youth from groups consistent with their gender identity is very damaging. Requiring children's biological sex to be confirmed by a physician is an invasion of privacy and harkens back to the non-consensual and coercive tactics used against marginalized communities throughout our country's history. Before considering the passage of this bill, I urge you to please research this issue thoroughly. Reach out to trans activists in your areas for a better understanding of the trans community and the unique challenges they are facing. I ask that you take action to protect transgendered Kansans and not take action that harms them further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jaime Snider