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House Committee on Education
Rep. Adam Thomas, Chair

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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 Erin Lynch. As a lifelong Kansan and parent, treating children equally is extremely important to me.

Children deserve equal treatment regardless of their gender identity. As a parent, I can tell you without a doubt whether someone is trans or cis-gendered is simply not a big deal to our youth. Children accept each other without hesitation, adult Kansans should do the same. My daughter would be devastated if her friends could not participate in sports with her just because of who they are. History shows us that trans girls and women do not have an undeniable competitive advantage; trans athletes have been competing at all levels for years, and there is no evidence of widespread domination or success by trans girls and women. These arguments are just smoke screens to push anti-trans agendas for political points. They hurt Kansas children.

Trans youth deserve all the same opportunities in life as their cis gender peers, and for years they have been participating in sports at all levels. Our children deserve equal treatment regardless of their gender identity. We must protect trans children.