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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 Ann Norbury. I am opposed to this legislation that would exclude students from fully participating in their school and community activities. This would have negative impact on children as young as age 5, in kindergarten. This is a form of bullying.

How would "biologically female" be determined? It makes me cringe to think that anyone would physically inspect a young student who wants to play on a sports team. What about invasion of privacy? What about HIPPA privacy guidelines?

I do not see "fairness in Women's sports" as a statewide concern that the legislature should address. Girls sports should be addressed by school districts and the Kansas Board of Education.

I see many negative implications and the possibility of unintended consequences. Please oppose HB 2238.