

February 13, 2023; 1:30 pm
House Committee on Education
Rep. Adam Thomas, Chair

Elizabeth Wine
Clinical Social Worker

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 Liz Wine and I am a resident of Wichita and a clinical social worker that provides therapy to children, teens and adults

The majority of my therapy clients are queer and the proposed legislation has my heart aching. My clients have a range of sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions. They are amazing, valuable human beings. Their lives matter. Their participation in school communities matter.

Sports are a voluntary extra curricular activity that should be open to all students at public schools. There are plenty of private schools or outside leagues that families could opt to participate in if they so choose.

Thank you for your time and service.