

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

Sara Askew  
Parent

**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 Sara Askew and I am a parent living in Wichita, KS. I am writing to state my opposition to Bill HB2238. It is important to me that all Kansas students avoid discrimination.

One group of children should not be singled out and discriminated against. All kids deserve to be able to participate in sports with their peers and friends, free of discrimination. The number of trans students in athletes is miniscule, and legislature is spending a disproportionate amount of time on an issue that is not an issue. These laws will lead to more discrimination of an already marginalized group. Studies show that trans youth are already at a very high risk of suicide. Targeting them may increase this risk even more. This policing of gender in women's sports will lead to decreased participation in women's sports in general, and may harm the people you think you are trying to help.

In closing I am asking you to vote no on this harmful bill.