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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.

Hello, my name is Savannah Goodpasture. I am a Kansas resident and educator. Opposing this bill is important to me because it is unreasonable and discriminatory to exclude students and kids from sports.

This bill would harm the social emotional learning of students and kids, would explicitly exclude students and families from events they have every right to attend and participate in, and push harmful ideals about trans people and their families. As an educator, I see every day students learning and fighting to explore themselves and their identities. This bill would not stop at trans people and families and would open the doors to exclude other students and families from events. Every student and family deserved the opportunity and space in sports.

Again, this bill would spread harmful information about trans people and their families, discriminate against students and kids, and harm the social emotional learning students and kids get from participating in sports.