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House Committee on Education
Rep. Adam Thomas, Chair

Candace Johnson
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 Candace Johnson and I am a parent of two children in Kansas. I am appalled at the blatant attack on trans youth happening in my state. I am vehemently opposed to the passing of this discriminatory bill.

These children make up a vast minority in our schools. You want to pass a bill aimed at harming I believe it was a total of 6 children across the state of Kansas. Why? These kids are not a threat, but you are threatening their lives with these horrible bills. They want to exist and be children and you are denying them that right. My children are friends with kids in the LGBTQIA+ community and these kids are scared hearing about all the attacks coming their way across the country. These are our kids! They should be worried about dances, grades, friends, extracurriculars, etc.... Not wondering if they'll be attacked by state legislatures every day for simply existing.

These kids may already be in homes where they cannot be themselves and those in support of this bill seem determined to make sure these kids don't feel safe anywhere else in the world either. I beg all of you to stop with these discriminatory bills.

These bills are harmful and our legislatures continue with these anti-lgbtq bills our youth will suffer the consequences. These bills harm LGBTQ+ individuals, end of story. If you actually value the lives of Kansans you will not pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.