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WRITTEN ONLY OPPONENT testimony of HB 2238
For the Senate Education Committee

Chair Thomas and Members of the Committee,

The fact that I am writing this testimony opposing a bill that discriminates against CHILDREN is disgusting and humiliating to all Kansans. As a queer person, I am ashamed to live in a state where we target members of the LGBTQ community. When I think of this bill I think about all the young children who will be singled out, bullied, and discriminated against by their own schools. I also think of the effects of this discrimination and bullying, something that leads many trans children to suicide. Is this what the Kansas legislature wants? In my highschool in Manhattan, KS, we had about three suicides in my time there. Do you as legislators want to add to this number, this trauma Kansan children face, and add to discrimination? You wonder why young Kansans run like hell out of here, its literally because of disgusting discriminating legislation like this.

News flash Kansas Legislature, its 2022. I know in the statehouse its the 1950s, but out here in the rest of Kansas we are comfortable in our own skin and it's okay to be bisexual, gay, transgender, nonbinary, etc. The fact that the Kansas Legislature feels the need to target children shows how weak some of the legislators in this statehouse are. Why don't you target things that would benefit Kansans like ending the food tax, increasing SNAP benefit eligibility, or pro-voting laws. **STOP TARGETING THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY AND STOP TARGETING TRANS CHILDREN!**

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