

Opponent Testimony of HB2238
For the Senate Education Committee
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Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent written testimony on House Bill 2238.

My name is Sarah Grochmal. I am a mother of three and a Kansas resident. I oppose this bill and believe strongly that all children deserve to have the same opportunities to live, thrive, and participate in their communities.

As parents or adults in society, it is our job to protect our children. Any piece of legislation that singles out or alienates a group is nothing short of discriminatory. Trans youth deserve our love, respect, kindness, and most importantly inclusion.

I implore the members of this committee to spend time on bills that are not focused on division.

HB2238 would be harmful. It is misguided at the very least but nothing short of hateful at its heart. I hope to raise my children in a world that celebrates diversity and recognizes that differences should not be feared.