

Opponent Testimony of HB2238
For the Senate Education Committee
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Parent

Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent written testimony on House Bill 2238.

My name is Tammy Quayle, I'm from Wichita and I'm a parent of a transgender young adult. I am in opposition of HB2238.

KSHSAA has jurisdiction over the student athletes. As of now, there are three transgender athletes and according to KSHAA, there hasn't been any issues with these students participating in sports. This bill attempts to take over KSHSAA's jurisdiction, therefore making it a clear case of government overreach.

This bill is similar to ones being introduced in other states at this time: there is an organized effort by special interest groups in pushing an anti-transgender agenda. Please ask yourself "why?" and "why now?" This bill does nothing to help Kansans and instead further pushes the anti-transgender narrative. Transgender people make up less than 2% of the population and are incredibly vulnerable right now. Please value ALL Kansas student athletes.

Kansas needs to see through the machinations of these special interest groups pushing an anti LGBT narrative. We are nicknamed "The Free State" and by voting NO on this bill you will be ensuring the liberty of all Kansas athletes.

Thank you,

Tammy Quayle