

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 the testimony in opposition of Senate Bill HB2238 on behalf of

Hi, my name is Grace Starr. I played basketball for 11 years and I ran cross country for 2 years. I have been a female athlete my entire life, and I was never threatened by trans women playing sports. As a cisgender woman, I cannot understand the struggles that transgender people face in their life, but I know and believe that everyone deserves to play the sports that they love. I was and have never been intimidated or felt threatened by the trans women I played with or against, and I think it is despicable that this bill is trying to pass. Trans men and women are not a threat to people in sports, everyone just wants to play the sports that they are passionate about. To take away this opportunity from someone would be blatant discrimination, and would do a lot of harm to the trans and LGBTQ community. It is sad that our society has let people in power create a narrative that trans people in sports are dangerous, because that is not the case. We cannot listen to those people. Transgender people deserve equal rights, and the attempt to take that away is such a poor reflection of the world. I believe very strongly that trans people are not a danger or threat to the sports world, and I know that the teams I played with would agree with me. Transgender people deserve the right to play sports without fear.