

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.

I am an indigenous woman and I have lived in Kansas for 22 years. I need to speak out against HB 2238. More people will leave the state if Kansas legislators create such misguided and inappropriate bills like HG 2238 which rely on misinformation and obsolete perspectives. Kansas is better than that!

I have a number of trans friends who are of all ages. K-12 trans students deserve to be treated as human beings, without judgment and discrimination. They deserve to participate in school athletics just like any other student. If this bill passes, more students will experience depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation. As a former paraeducator, I have seen middle and high school cisgender students, who do not carry extra burdens, struggle with mental illness by just being. Please do not exacerbate the mental health crisis that exists today. We must protect our K-12 students and treat them equally. Everyone deserves to experience all that is available to them without discrimination. Please do not target our trans community!

I strongly oppose HG 2238. Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony.