

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 Susan K. Thomas, and I stand in opposition to this legislation.

HB2238 further jeopardizes an already vulnerable population and will increase depression and suicide rates among trans youth. Trans kids deserve full access to the same extracurriculars as their peers; this includes athletics! Trans athletes just want to participate on the teams with which they identify.

People need to see trans kids for who they are and by their proclaimed gender. We need to teach tolerance and acceptance. HB2238 persecutes; it does not help.

Once again, I oppose HB2238. Thank you for your time and consideration.