

Senate Education Committee
March 13, 2023
RE: Proponent Written Testimony for SB 255

Madam Chairwoman Baumgardner Senate Education Committee,

Thank you for hearing about this important issue of safety for our public school students. I support SB 255 and also urge your support because last year, in Eudora, Kansas a public education (biological) female was assigned to sleep in a bed with a biological male and this reflects poorly for Kansas public schools. When incidents like this occur, more families pull their children from public schools and place them into private schools or homeschool them. We all want to protect our children regardless of differing religious or moral backgrounds that we come from. This situation is not even allowed in hospitals or mental health facilities, it definitely should not be taking place in public schools. If one can see the need to segregate boys and girls bathrooms, then surely one can see the more serious need of segregating those who struggle with gender identity from the others, especially in an overnight situation. Please don't do this to our youth. Don't allow transgender students to room with biological males or females. Give them their own privacy!

Please pass this bill out of committee favorably!

Sincerely,

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