

**February 13, 2023; 1:30 pm**  
House Committee on Education  
Rep. Adam Thomas, Chair

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**HB2238** – Creating the "fairness in women's sports" act to require that female student athletic teams only include members who are biologically female.

**Opponent, Written Only**

Chair Thomas and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Opponent testimony on HB2238.

My position is against laws preventing children from participation on childhood sports teams.

In my years of classmate associations through elementary school and secondary school, and years teaching in the Shawnee Mission School district, like each of you I sensed acquaintances who seemed to have different orientations than I, either through mannerisms, personality, abilities.

Now, can't we all acknowledge how many different individuals make up this world and how valuable is each member. We need to be encouragers, not discouragers.

The number of Trans children are few to begin with, and certainly each is not interested in athletics. We must acknowledge that there are plenty of naturally muscular boys and girls having nothing to do with trans children. No matter if boy or girl or one in transition, there will always be someone faster, stronger, more agile. As adults we have a duty to support our children, and they are ALL our children. Include, wish them success, give them respect. Put yourselves in the other guy's shoes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Bellemere

Please do not pass laws disparaging our children. Any children.