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House Committee on Education
Rep. Adam Thomas, Chair

Taylor Sadlowski
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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 name is Taylor Sadlowski, and I've been a Kansas Resident for 27 years of my life. I love my state, and want to raise a family here. However, I would not feel safe raising a family in a state that could potentially legislate whether my future children could play sports with their peers.

I will trying to become a parent this year. Should I be blessed with a child, I would want what's best for them. That includes supporting and affirming who they will be, whether that is straight, gay, cis, trans, or otherwise. My number one goal while preparing for kids is make sure my future children are given every opportunity to live a happy, fulfilled life. Trans kids have it harder than their cis peers. My best friend told me when we were in middle school that they believed they weren't the gender they born as. This was 20 years ago. We didn't know what it meant to be transgendered, and they've lived their lives as best they can while knowing they weren't living up to who they really are. Now, as they begin their transition, I see how hard it is for them to be accepted, and given the opportunity to accept themselves. I don't want my kids, hopefully future KS residents, to have to deal with those hardships. I want them to know that they will be accepted and allowed to have fun like any other kid.

I am opposed to HB 2238, because I care about kids chances to have fun with their friends, and learn how to participate in healthy competition. Thank you for considering my testimony.