

Statement by Clair Hill
In Opposition to SB208
Senate Education Committee
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Claire Hill. I'm 11 years old. I play competitive soccer here in Overland Park, KS. My team was actually the 2020 league champions. We worked hard for that.

I'm writing to you regarding KS state senate bill 208, which I understand is supposed to ban trans girls from competing on girls sports teams.

I would be happy to play with or against trans girls in my league. They deserve to be treated like you would any other girl. Trans girls aren't boys anymore for a reason, to make their outsides match their insides. If you wouldn't put a boy on a girls soccer team, why would you put a girl on a boys soccer team? It's like turning a horse into a seal and then making the seal race with the horses. Even putting trans kids on a special trans only team could make them feel different, and no one needs to feel out of place.

In competitive soccer, team positions go to the best of the best. I believe in my skills and the skills of my teammates. I believe that if we were competing against a team full of trans girls we'd still win, because hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard. We can only be the best if we play against the best. The real best.

Thank you for your time,

Claire Hill,
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