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

Linda Swim
Parent/Grandparent

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.

Senators of Kansas

I oppose HB 2238. I believe that having this law in Kansas is a fearful attempt to enforce a culture of sameness and compliance on our people.

I am the mother and grandmother of a transgender daughter and grandson. I have researched and dug deep into the science and heart of these issues. There is no unfairness for these girls to compete with other girls. It is more harmful to deny the children an opportunity to compete. I have seen the struggle of this community of kids and I can tell you our younger generation is not as rigid and biased as the authors of this bill. On a side note, consider just how this new law would be enforced. Who would benefit?

I would be willing to discuss with any legislator. I am happy to share more information, data or resources.

The only fix is to address ignorance with real facts.

I opposed HB2238, it is bad law. Thank You for your service to all Kansans.