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Rep. Adam Thomas, Chair

Gage Webb Kansas Resident

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 Gage Webb and I'm a Kansas Resident and friend of several Trans women. I'm providing my testimony today to push back against state-sanctioned harassment of Trans girls and indeed all girls.

If Kansas is a state determined to maintain freedom, then this anti-trans bill is the antithesis of the spirit of Kansas. Subjecting children to genital screenings so that they can play sports with their friends is the most obvious example of state-sponsored overreach I could ever think of. Pretending this bill is about "fairness" when it's really about fear and intimidation of an already vulnerable group of people makes me want to vomit.

I know some people on this committee must be able to see this overreach that will only serve to harm children for what it is. Please do what's right. Thank you.