Opponent Testimony of HB2238 For the Senate Education Committee March 6, 2023 Kendra Meek Kansas resident and parent

Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent written testimony on House Bill 2238.

As a parent with young children it is incredibly important to me that all children are treated with the same respect and dignity. Discriminating against any group of perceived others is abhorrent.

The children in our communities deserve to feel valued and cared for, especially when they are perceived as less than or not equal to.

Let the kids play and instead of pointing fingers and putting big targets on their backs, how about putting protections in place to keep them safe.

As a parent I would expect my children to be treated with the same respect and dignity allotted to their peers full stop. Thank you for considering my testimony.