Opponent Testimony of HB2238 For the Senate Education Committee March 6, 2023 Linda Sanchez Parent

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

All children deserve to have the same opportunities to live, thrive and participate in their communities. This bill singles out one group of children and bans them from playing with their friends simply because they are different.

The evidence shows that allowing one trans girl to compete in girls' sports does not hurt anyone. But banning trans girls does result in decreased participation and leads to harmful gender policing that impacts cisgender girls as well.

As a community, we must push back on attempts to score political points because we know these attempts have negative impacts and endanger our trans youth.

We must stand up against willful misinformation and obsolete medical observations.