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Thank you for considering my concerns raised in opposition to House Bill 151 and Senate Bill 132, the Save Women's Sports Act. This dangerous legislation targets an already vulnerable group of Ohio youth and denies them the often life saving opportunity to participate in sports.

Banning transgender athletes is not only an extreme act of transphobia, but will not be effective. Not only is it ridiculous to imply that someone would put themselves through the process of transitioning just to "beat more people" at sports, but transgender athletes represent an extremely small percentage of athletes. All athletes have to pass fitness standards to perform, and these people can. Transgender athletes are still athletes and transgender people are still people.

I urge you to oppose HB151 and SB132 and protect our state's athletes.