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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.

I am someone greatly affected by youth sports. I grew up playing sports and it taught me so many skills, which I still use. I am also greatly affected by trans youth. I have friends, family members, etc. who are trans or align with the LGBTQ+ community. Growing up around these people makes it easier to see that they are just like anyone else, and want to live normal childhoods and lives. However, just because I see it easily and some can't, doesn't mean that trans people are invalid. These people deserve as much respect as any other. They deserve the chance to lead a normal childhood, and grow into adults who carry valuable skills from their childhood into adulthood. Trans youth deserve to have fun and make friends. I beg you to think about those whose lives will be affected by this. Those who may no longer feel safe at school, when many don't even feel safe or comfortable at home.

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