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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 believe trans youth deserve to partake in whatever sport they please. The idea of sports being gendered is in itself very silly, as sports have no gender, just different rules. When you tell someone they can't play sports based on gender, you are not only invalidating their gender identity, but also causing kids to be left out of sports that are meant for anyone to participate in. Sports are meant to build and encourage kids, not shame and isolate them. Your opinion on trans youth should not be the deciding factor. The deciding factor should be that kids need sports, and to take that away from only a few kids is to prove you don't care about athletics, only shaming and invalidating.

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