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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 that this legislation would be a suppression of trans youth who statistically already have higher suicide rates. By banning transgender youth from participating in sports, no positives arise, only discrimination against a marginalized group. Sports are a way to build community and increase self-confidence. No transgender individuals should be excluded or forced to compete in their assigned sex's teams because this can also lead to harassment and bullying.

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