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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.

When we tell trans girls that they can't play girls' sports or trans boys that they can't play boy's sports, they miss out on an important childhood experience and all the lessons it teaches. The idea that trans girls have some sort of inherent physical advantage over cis girls is just blatantly misogynistic and ideas like that have no place in our legislation. Transgender kids deserve the opportunity to play sports for the same reason any kid would: so they can be a part of a team where they feel like they belong. This kind of legislation demonizes transgender youth and takes away their fundamental rights. This ban is unacceptable.

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