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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 oppose this legislation for multiple reasons. Sport teams should be used for a fun and friendly activity where kids can make friends, have fun, spend free time and get exercise. Cisgender kids are allowed to join the sports teams that consist with their gender identity so why shouldn't Transgender kids be able to do the same? This is discrimination against the transgender kids who just want to join a sports team at their school, which shouldn't be a problem. Sports are supposed to be about fun, and playing as a team, not just about winning and competition. And denying transgender kids the right to play in the teams that identify with their gender is not okay. Kids should feel safe at school and not be discriminated against. Thank you for reading my testimony.

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