

## Clare Wiley

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.

Hi, my name is Clare, and I'm a 16 year old inhabitant of Cincinnati, Ohio. I've just heard about this transphobic bill that will ban transgender kids from participating in athletics in Ohio. This bill is completely disgusting. I strongly urge you and those who are in power to remove this bill, and actually strive for the equality I'm sure you claim to advocate for. Trans kids deserve the same opportunities to a regular childhood as much as any other child, this includes opportunities for sports. Sports teach children key life skills such as trust, teamwork capabilities, patience, and so many other virtues. To bar certain children from discovering these virtues simply because they are transgender is a shame, and will prove to be detrimental. You are telling these children that they are not worthy of playing sports with other kids their age, you're giving children the false illusion that they are less than because of who they are. Or that they are not "normal" or that something is wrong with them. The fact that the banning of transgender kids from playing sports is something one can willingly advocate for is truly disgusting. Think about the children's health that you are single handedly putting on the line- mentally and physically.

What if this were your child? They are just kids. Let them be kids. Let them play.

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