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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.

My name is Amy, and I highly urge you to reconsider passing HB151 and SB132. This is a very exclusionary Bill that is based on fear and unscientific research. There have been many arguments for why this Bill should be put in place, but many other arguments against. I think it would be a good idea to look at some arguments and then counter arguments for why this Bill should be passed. One reason people want this Bill to go through is because they believe that there are unfair advantages such as Transwomen competing with Cis women (woman who identify as the gender they were born as) and biological males having the advantage of testosterone. First, we don't know everything about what female bodies are capable of. Also, you want to talk about "fairness" when you won't even address the racism and exclusion of minorities in your own state? Second, the testosterone argument is a total myth. There are Cis women who can be born with a condition called Hyperandrogenism where the body produces more testosterone than normal. Should they be allowed to play female sports? Another question that people ask is then how do you make sports "fair" if transgender people want to play sports? Easy; split it into three categories instead of two. I have offered some counterarguments to some popular arguments about this Bill. Personally, the biggest thing about this Bill and why I strongly urge you to reconsider is because it is exclusionary and inhumane. We shouldn't deny people the right to do something because of who they are or what they identify as.

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