

Jane Doe

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 am writing on behalf of my daughter, an excelling, smart, kind, and loving 16 year old girl who has been her true self since the age of two. With the love and support of her family, friends and school administration, my daughter has thankfully been thriving academically and socially for many years. My daughter has also been involved in school and community sports for the last several years. She has run track, ran cross country, and also played softball. Contrary to popular and stereotypically belief, my daughter is NOT the best at these sports. In fact, she has always been in the bottom third of the best players on all of her teams. She is always the last batter for softball and she often misses those fly softballs and grounder softballs that come her way. Almost every single non-transgender girl on all of her teams have always been better than her. She is not very strong and she is not very fast; in fact, she is not super coordinated at sports. But you know what? She loves playing sports and she has made many friends along the way. She keeps trying to be better at sports, but what is most important to her is the team spirit, the discipline, and the socialization aspect of playing sports with her peers. My daughter thrives when she plays sports. She is accepted and she is celebrated by those that she plays with. I urge you to please not take the ability for her to participate in sports away from her. I also urge you to please understand that every trans girl that plays sports is NOT the best on her team and is not always beating the other cis-girls at sports. My daughter simply wants to be with her friends and have a great time participating in sports. Her spirit, her morale, her confidence, her friendships, and her heart would be absolutely devastated, sad, and crushed if this opportunity were taken away from her.

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