

Representatives,

I am writing to voice my opposition to House Bill 6, a bill that should not have made it to the hearing stage. Our nation's children, youth, and teens are undergoing a documented mental health crisis coming out of the Covid pandemic. Quite simply, the last thing any of them need is to be further targeted for discrimination, exclusion, and bullying by a group of powerful adults. The number of transgender, nonbinary, and intersex athletes targeted by this Bill is incredibly small. This handful of children seeking to participate in recreational sports along with their classmates and friends are not posing a harm to anyone. This is not a problem that needs solving with legislation because it is simply not a problem. Ohioans deserve elected officials who will focus on the real issues their constituents are facing, not people willing to score political points at the expense of children's well-being. Please leave Ohio's kids alone; they're doing their best.

Sincerely,

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