

Red Oak Community School

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House Higher Education Committee

Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read our testimony. My name is Cheryl Ryan and I'm the School Manager at Red Oak Community School. I'm writing to express our concern and opposition to HB 6.

This bill unfairly targets students in the LGBTQ+ community who are already at risk for bullying, harassment as well as mental health issues. It creates an unsafe environment for those students at school, where at the very least, we should be able to ensure an environment where all students are cared for and safe.

Private athletic organizations allow trans students to participate successfully in sports according to their gender without an issue. Sports are universal and there's no reason why this legislature should be stepping in to legislate something that is not an actual issue.

Lastly, this bill is a blatant waste of time and taxpayer dollars.

Please protect our most vulnerable students and don't let this bill go any further.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Ryan
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