

Good morning Representatives.

My name is Em UpDyke. I am from Medina and am currently attending school at Miami University. I am strongly opposed to HB 6.

I have seen science, anecdotes, and broad news coverage regarding transgender athletes. What I have gotten from this is that the “advantages” that transgender athletes have are often nonexistent or are a result of skill present before transition.

Not only this, but hormone imbalances and intersex conditions exist outside of this transgender vs. cisgender dichotomy. What do you say to a person with XXY chromosomes? What team do they go on under these new rules?

At this point in time, there are many substantial issues plaguing our state and nation. School shootings, teacher and nurse shortages, poverty, hunger, labor rights, and more affects everyone every single day. I ask that the representatives both within this committee and outside of this reconsider the use of their time on something that would affect a small proportion of a small proportion of our state population.

Thank you for considering my testimony, and I hope you vote NO on this deeply harmful bill.