

Written Testimony of Jan Nesor, PhD
on HB6
For the House Higher Education Committee
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Chairperson Young, Ranking Member Miller, and member of the House Higher Education Committee

My name is Jan Nesor, and I am a professor of Education Policy at the Ohio State University. I do not represent Ohio State, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to HB6

HB6 singles out transgender girls and women, stigmatizes them, undermines their bodily autonomy, and denies them access to a public good – the right to educational opportunities, in particular participation in school sports.

There is no educational rationale for such legislation. On the contrary, we know that excluding and stigmatizing children results in educational harm. There is no scientific case for banning transgender girls and women from participation on girls' and women's teams. We know from the science and from the actual record that transgender athletes do *not* any advantages over cisgender athletes.¹ Lacking educational or scientific justification, HB6 is simply one of many pieces of similar legislation to being introduced around the country that targets a small minority as a means of mobilizing political power.² It does not deserve your support. I urge you to reject HB6.

Sincerely,
Jan Nesor

¹ <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/trans-girls-belong-on-girls-sports-teams/>

² Barry-Hinton, S. (2022). Transgender athlete bans and the anatomy of anti-transgender politics. *Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy*, 12(3), 447-470. Gira Grant M. (2022). Republicans Are Already Trying to Pass as Many Anti-Trans Bills as Possible in 2022. *The New Republic* Available from: <https://newrepublic.com/article/165334/republicans-anti-trans-bathroom-sports-bills-north-dakota-kristi-noem>