

I oppose the committee's attempt to ban transgender students from playing on school sports teams that align with their gender. This bill would have a demoralizing effect on transgender students and their families by making transgender students feel unwelcome; denying them full participation in school activities; and putting their parents through the stress, anxiety, and heartache experienced by those who see their children being unhappy, discriminated against, and mistreated. The majority of young people have no problem with including transgender athletes in their sports teams. It is not the legislature's place to impose policies that students and their families did not ask for and do not want. The committee has shown a complete indifference to the pain this legislation would cause vulnerable young people and their families and friends who love them and care about their health and happiness.

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