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Chairman Young, Vice Chairman Dobos, Ranking Member Miller and members of the House Higher Education Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony. My name is Susan Hyde, and I live in Grandview Heights, Ohio. I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 6.

Women's sports do not need "saving". In regard to transgender youth who simply want to play sports and participate, there are already standards set by the Ohio High School Athletic Association in regard to gender affirming care. According to the OHSAA, only three transgender students have been approved for the upcoming spring season. Here is a quote from OHSAA, as told to WEWS:

"The OHSAA is aware of the reintroduction of a bill addressing the participation of transgender athletes in our member schools' sports programs. We will continue to educate people on the OHSAA's transgender policy, which has been successfully implemented for the last eight years and has not resulted in any loss of female participation, championships or scholarship opportunities in Ohio."

I believe you would make much better use of your time to truly help women's sports by giving them equal funding and facilities instead of being concerned about 3 athletes out of 400,000 in the state (per OHSAA). This bill is discriminatory, mean-spirited and completely unnecessary, and I urge you to vote no.

Thank you,

Susan Hyde