

Dear Representatives and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in opposition House Bill 1249. This bill is erasing all students who identify as non-binary, or transgender. The definitions of sex is limiting and outdated. Students should be allowed the opportunity to play on a team with the gender they identify with. Sports can be a positive in a youths life. We know that sports have many benefits, from team building skills, exercise, and a place to belong. Playing sports can and does improve mental health, which we know is a major concern among our youth, especially LGBT+ youth. This bill takes that opportunity away for trans students, and continues to push them to the outside calling them other. Lets work to make our schools inclusive as our culture changes rather than exclusive.

Respectfully,  
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