

03/19/2023

HB2427

Proponent

Brett Anderson

Republican Precinct Committeeman

Sedgwick County

Chair Thomas and Members of the House Education Committee,

I am submitting my testimony in strongly urging you to pass HB2427 favorably out of committee. HB2427 is a no brainer to protect our children against the depraved minds of today. It's pretty simple. If you are born a male, you stay with the boys. If you are born a female, you stay with the girls. Children are one of the most important assets a country and a generation have. They need to be protected at all times. There is plenty of time for them to explore what they want as they get to be an adult. Protect the children. Again, I strongly urge you to pass HB2427 favorably out of committee.

Respectfully,

Brett Anderson

Republican Precinct Committeeman

Sedgwick County

House Education Committee

March 17, 2023

Subject: Proponent testimony: HB 2427 – written only

Madame Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

Thank you for hearing this bill. I believe this is an important issue of safety for school age students. I support HB 2427 and I urge your support.

Students should be protected in hotel rooms by rooming only with those of the same biological sex. While I do sympathize for students who are questioning their gender, it is unfair to make other students feel uncomfortable or unsafe for the sake of one person. I know of a Kansas biological girl who experienced this very scenario. She didn't know until arriving at the away location who her roommate would be and she was uncomfortable rooming with someone that is a biological male by birth. She requested to change rooms and was told no. The trip was very uncomfortable and ruined for her.

Please set the standard by requiring separate rooms or private rooms in situations such as this so all parties can feel safe and protected. Please do not choose to prioritize one small people group while ignoring the majority. If you choose not to pass this bill, children will be left vulnerable so please pass this from committee and vote yes.

Sincerely,  
Tabitha Clark  
House District 77

3.132.2023

Chairman Thomas and Committee Members,

I am a proponent of HB 2427 and urge your support as well.  
You must protect the girls by passing this Bill. How can we allow our female student athletes to be subjected to males identifying as females in the girl's locker room and worse than that, make the girls share a room with a boy who identifies as a female?

This is a common sense bill and needs to be a bipartisan effort to protect the girls in Kansas. Kansas Must Stand Up For our Girls.

"Each school district shall adopt a policy requiring that separate overnight accommodations be provided for students of each biological sex during school district sponsored travel that requires overnight stays by students."

This is straightforward language and makes sense.

I ask that you support this bill to protect our public school children and would appreciate your "YES" vote on HB 2427.

Thank you  
Debbie Detmer

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Regarding House Bill 2427, I am absolutely in favor of this bill! Although I do not have children, if I did, I would not want them to be subject to having to share a room—let alone a bed—with a student of the opposite sex. Please ensure that accommodations are provided for students of the same gender on overnight school-sponsored trips.

I live in Rose Hill.

Thank you.

Debbie Evert  
District 3

House Education Committee  
March 20, 2023  
RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

Thanks for hearing about this important issue of safety for our public school students. This simple piece of legislation should be common sense, but a brief glance at our culture will tell you that it is not. As a citizen, a mother of daughters, and a social worker, I urge your support on this requirement of public schools to provide separate accommodations for students of each biological sex on overnight school-sponsored trips. The failure to do so creates an environment for many possible scenarios, all of which end poorly for our girls. We must not be complicit in allowing circumstances that put students at unnecessary risk of exploitation, trauma, or assault.

Please help favorably pass this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Fagan  
House District #117

Written Only Testimony in Support of HB 2427

Brittany Jones

House Education Committee

March 22, 2023

Chair Thomas and members of the committee, my name is Brittany Jones. I am an attorney and the Director of Policy and Engagement for Kansas Family Voice. We represent thousands of members in Kansas who are concerned about their ongoing ability to ensure their children's safety both physically and mentally when they travel for school trips. We support HB 2427 because it simply ensures that schools will continue to respect single sex designations for school trips.

HB 2427 is supported by years of caselaw as well as Title IX. HB 2427 is both good law and just common-sense policy.

HB 2427 is consistent with both the sex discrimination as analyzed under the Equal Protection Clause and Title IX. Title IX and the Equal Protection clause as it pertains to sex discrimination are very unique areas of constitutional law, and it is important to understand why they are different from other areas of law.

I. H.B. 2427 is consistent with Supreme Court caselaw

The Equal Protection Clause provides that no state shall “deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”<sup>1</sup> And it is well settled that sex-based classifications must satisfy intermediate scrutiny.<sup>2</sup> Intermediate scrutiny requires the government to show that the classification serves important governmental objectives and that the government action is substantially related to the achievement of those objectives.<sup>3</sup>

At its core the Equal Protection clause in sex discrimination cases asks whether the distinctions in sex created by the governmental action substantially matter. The separation can't just be for stereotypical or compensatory purposes, but it has to be to serve an important government interest.<sup>4</sup>

Gender-based classifications that favor one sex can be justified if they intentionally and directly assist members of the sex that is disproportionately burdened.<sup>5</sup> Even Ruth Bader Ginsburg said as a professor, “[s]eparate places to disrobe, sleep, perform personal bodily functions are permitted, in some situations required, by regard for individual privacy.”<sup>6</sup> There are spaces where having separate spaces matters.

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 1.

<sup>2</sup> See *United States v. Virginia*, 518 U.S. 515 (1996).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*, *Miss. Univ. for Women v. Hogan*, 458 U.S. 718 (1982).

<sup>4</sup> *Miss. Univ. for Women v. Hogan*, 458 U.S. 718 (1982).

<sup>5</sup> See *Schlesinger v. Ballard*, 419 U.S. 498 (1975).

<sup>6</sup> *The Fear of the Equal Rights Amendment*, Wash. Post, Apr. 7, 1975, at A21.

The Court has consistently pointed out that the “two sexes are not fungible.”<sup>7</sup> It is important to remember, “Inherent differences between men and women, we have come to appreciate, remain cause for celebration, but not for denigration of the members of either sex or for artificial constraints on an individual’s opportunity.”<sup>8</sup> It should be noted that this is a different legal lens and therefore requires different analysis than in racial discrimination lawsuits that require a strict scrutiny analysis, the highest level of scrutiny.<sup>9</sup>

## II. H.B. 2427 is consistent with Title IX.

Title IX was signed into law 1972 to ensure opportunities for women who had few educational opportunities up to that point.<sup>10</sup> The language states, “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”<sup>11</sup> It impacts any educational arena that receives federal funding. This includes sexual assault on educational campuses, equal access to educational opportunities, athletic opportunities, and protects women from retaliation when utilizing the reporting structure just to name a few of the areas that are impacted by Title IX.<sup>12</sup> It’s been one of the justifications for single sex spaces in academics for years.

When it comes to Title IX, the regulations for years have allowed for separate living facilities,<sup>13</sup> separate toilets, locker rooms, and showers.<sup>14</sup> And as has already been mentioned, it allows for separate athletic teams for men and women.<sup>15</sup> Title IX has always been understood to protect the disadvantaged class. Courts have long found a privacy interest in shielding one’s body from the opposite sex in a variety of legal contexts.<sup>16</sup>

A federal court judge enjoined President Biden’s proposed rules that would have reversed this historic understanding of Title IX.<sup>17</sup> Recently, the Eleventh Circuit issued a ruling upholding a school bathroom policy that required students to use the bathrooms that complied with their biological sex. The Court held that this did not violate the Equal Protection Clause or Title IX.<sup>18</sup> In that instance, after considering many different options and the complexity of the questions around this issue, the School Board decided to maintain its bathroom policy that separates bathrooms on the basis of biological sex while providing an accommodation by offering sex-neutral bathrooms.<sup>19</sup> The Court

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<sup>7</sup> *Ballard v. United States*, 329 U.S. 187 (1946).

<sup>8</sup> *United States v. Virginia*, 518 U.S. 515 (1996)

<sup>9</sup> See *Johnson v. California*, 543 U.S. 499 (2005); *Fisher v. Univ. of Tex.*, 579 U.S. 365 (2015).

<sup>10</sup> Dep’t of Justice, Equal Access to Education: Forty Years of Title IX (June 23, 2012)

<sup>11</sup> Dep’t of Justice, Title IX, <https://www.justice.gov/crt/title-ix#C2%A0%20Covered%20Education%20Program%20or%20Activity>.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> 20 U.S.C. § 1686

<sup>14</sup> 34 C.F.R. § 106.33

<sup>15</sup> 34 C.F.R. § 106.41

<sup>16</sup> *Fortner v. Thomas*, 983 F.2d 1024, 1030 (11th Cir. 1993)

<sup>17</sup> *Tennessee v. United States Dep’t of Educ.*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 125684 (E.D. Tenn. 2022).

<sup>18</sup> *Adams v. Sch. Bd. of St. Johns Cnty.*, 2022 U.S. App. LEXIS 35962 (11th Cir., 2022).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

looked at the original definition of “sex” in Title IX and concluded that separating bathrooms in this manner did not violate Title IX.

This bill isn’t merely speculating about encroachments into women’s spaces. We have already seen instances in Kansas where women’s spaces have been violated. In Eudora, a biological female was forced to share a room with a biological male on a school trip.<sup>20</sup>

Title IX was written to respond to real problems that real women faced and still face today. It provides the legal framework necessary to ensure space for women in our society. There are ongoing legal debates that are attempting to change these original words into something that would be unrecognizable to the drafters. We need to reaffirm the importance of Title IX and the long term benefits it has provided to women all across our country.

HB 2427 affirms what we all know to be true & what the courts have affirmed, some spaces need to be kept separate for privacy purposes. This protects both sexes in the most intimate & private spaces. This is the very least our kids deserve!

I ask that you pass out HB 2427 favorably for passage. Thank you!

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<sup>20</sup> Patrick Richardson, Eudora girl forced to share a bed with biological male on school-sponsored overseas trip, The Heartlander, May 17, 2022, <https://heartlandernews.com/2022/05/17/eudora-girl-forced-to-share-a-bed-with-biological-male-on-school-sponsored-overseas-trip/>.



House Education Committee

March 20, 2023

RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

Thank you for hearing about this important issue of safety for our public school students. We support HB 2427 and urge your support. Our school districts need legislation to guide their student safety policies.

The coordination of overnight travel for co-ed school trips has always been a complicated issue. Safety concerns for students and the stress and responsibility of staff and parent volunteers being just two of the many issues that require time and consideration.

It is tremendously more complicated today with gender identify concerns, FERPA restrictions, strong opinions on both sides of the trans gender issue, stress and anxiety of students and additional stress and situations for teachers, coordinators, and parent volunteers to navigate.

That said, the important underlying factor from which all decisions should be made to advocate for the rights and emotional security of ALL of our students, not just those who gender identify differently.

We cannot give into fear and make decisions only for our students whose gender identity and expression is different than their birth sex. The rights and emotions of all students must be considered for all school policies, especially regarding overnight trips and room assignments. A healthy and safe environment should be of the upmost priority for ALL students.

Supporting HB 2427 is a necessary move in the right direction for the safety and emotional wellbeing of ALL students. We implore you to favorably pass this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

Aaron and Jennifer Ferguson

House District #14

House Education Committee

March 13, 2023

RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

Thank you for hearing about this important issue of safety for our public school students. I urge your support because this reflects poorly for Kansas public schools. When incidents like this occur, more families pull their children from public schools and place them into private schools or homeschool them. We all want to protect our children regardless of differing religious or moral backgrounds that we come from. This situation is not even allowed in hospitals or mental health facilities, it definitely should not be taking place in public schools. If one can see the need to segregate boys and girls bathrooms, then surely one can see the more serious need of segregating those who struggle with gender identity from the others, especially in an overnight situation. Please don't do this to our youth. Don't allow transgender students to room with biological males or females. Give them their own privacy!

Please pass this bill out of committee favorably!

Sincerely,

Laura Herrman  
House District #14

Proponent Testimony

HB2427 March 22, 2023

April Jacobs, Private Citizen

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

Thank you for your attention on this very important issue about safety for our public-school students. I urge your support on this bill to protect our children. As a parent of 3 boys and 1 girl, my boys NEVER shared a bedroom, let alone a bed, with their sister. As a parent, I cannot imagine sending my daughter on a trip where she would get to her destination, only to find out that her assigned bed mate was a biological boy. A biological girl should never have to worry that she will have to share a bed with a biological boy. I believe this could cause unwanted and unnecessary stress on any young biological girl that is placed in this position. Biological boys should only be assigned to share such a personal space with other biological boys, as well as biological girls should only share with biological girls. Allowing biological boys to share beds with biological girls can and will very likely lead to abusive actions at some point. We need to protect our children, not only from potential physical harm but the emotional and mental harm that forcing biological boys to share beds with biological girls will cause. So again, I urge your support on passing this bill out of committee favorably.

Sincerely,

April Jacobs



**Written PROPONENT testimony for HB 2427, AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to school sponsored travel and activities; requiring separate overnight accommodations for students of each biological sex.**

To: Chairman Thomas and Committee Members

From: Lucrecia Nold, Policy Specialist, Kansas Catholic Conference

Date: March 22, 2023

Chairman Thomas and members of the committee,

My name is Lucrecia Nold and I represent the Kansas Catholic Bishops in all things public policy. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 2427.

We believe and recognize that parents are the primary educator and protector of their children. However, at times they must entrust others to help them in this manner. May it be extended family, neighbors, teachers, or others.

The entrusting of ones child to others, is exactly what happens when children participate in overnight school sponsored trips. One of the most minimal forms of protecting a child on such a trip is to ensure that the child is sharing a room with others of their biological sex.

Our children deserve to be protected and to feel safe, regardless of their location. But especially when away from the comfort of their home, traveling for a school sponsored trip. Ensuring that children will be required to share rooms only with those who are also of the same biological sex, is a simple and easy way to keep them protected.

Let us help parents with their role of protecting their children by supporting HB 2427.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lucrecia Nold

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB 2427

Kansas House Education Committee

March 13, 2023

RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Dear Representative Thomas and members of the House Education Committee:

I am writing in favor of HB 2427 which states that school districts must provide separate rooms for the biological sexes on all school sponsored overnight trips.

This is really just common sense. As a parent and grandparent, I even provided separate rooms for my children and grandchildren of opposite sexes after they reached the age of 10. It is necessary for young boys and young girls to have privacy after they become older children.

Please vote to pass this bill out of committee favorably and support it when it reaches the house floor. It's just the right thing to do for our students and their families!

Thank you for serving our state and for your consideration,

Kathy Martin  
House District 64  
Clay Center, KS

House Education Committee  
March 14, 2023  
RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

Thank you for hearing about this important issue of safety for our public school students. I urge your support because we need to support our children at the most basic level.

Although it is undeniable the challenge that schools are facing with regard to recent gender and sexuality discussions, this piece of legislation should be simple at its basic level.

Schools are an institution required to teach truth and simply protect a child's safety. And at this time, the only scientific truth we have is there is a medical, anatomical, and hormonal difference between genders.

Thus, allowing a medically assigned girl share a hotel room with a medically assigned boy is not basic safety.

Thank you for your time. I urge your support in passing HB2427.

Sincerely,  
Tracy McCurley

March 11, 2023

Proponent of HB 2427, written testimony only

Chairman Thomas and Committee Members,

I am a proponent of HB 2427 and urge your support as well.

You must protect the girls by passing this Bill. How can we allow our female student athletes to be subjected to males identifying as females in the girl's locker room and worse than that, make the girls share a room with a boy who identifies as a female? The world has truly gotten bizarre but that doesn't mean Kansas has to be, as well. To think we even need to discuss such a thing is not normal...it's crazy.

This is a common sense bill and needs to be a bipartisan effort to protect the girls in Kansas. We need to be a trend setter and a model for the United States of American and join other states that have made similar laws.

"Each school district shall adopt a policy requiring that separate overnight accommodations be provided for students of each biological sex during school district sponsored travel that requires overnight stays by students."

This is straightforward language and makes sense.

I ask that you support this bill to protect our public school children and would appreciate your "YES" vote on HB 2427.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jill O'Connor  
Overland Park, Kansas  
House District 28

Douglas Shane, DVM, PhD  
Representative District 6

House Bill 2427  
Kansas House Committee on Education

Written Testimony: Proponent

Date: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Hearing Date: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Kansas House Committee on Education  
Representative Adam Thomas, Chair

Dear Kansas House Committee on Education,

I submit this written testimony as a proponent of House Bill 2427, an act concerning school districts; relating to school sponsored travel and activities; requiring separate overnight accommodations for students of each biological sex.

My name is Douglas Shane. I am a prior Board of Education member of Louisburg USD 416 and an advocate for children and parents. I submit this testimony to encourage this committee to recognize the necessity of this proposed legislation in the current era. The members of this esteemed committee are acutely aware conventional perspectives on sex and gender in the United States have been abruptly challenged. Activism and coercion on behalf of radical gender ideology is a clear and present threat to the safety, mental well-being, and success of children in Kansas public schools.

Undoubtedly you will hear testimony detailing the story of a high school aged female student who partook in a teacher-sponsored international trip wherein she was assigned to share a bed with a young male who identified as a female. This story is not the only story where children have been forced into uncomfortable, unreasonable, and dangerous situations with members of the opposite sex due to the actions and radical beliefs of adults who were entrusted to provide safety and security for the child. However, my goal is not to go into the horrors this child faced or to elaborate on all the ways common sense is defied by radical gender ideology. Rather, I would like to focus on why the legislation is the effective and proper path forward for Kansas children and Kansas schools.

Local control and governance are foundational to Kansas government. This proposed legislation will undoubtedly be seen as an affront to local control and will face opposition from numerous educators and public education special interest groups. For the honest and informed observer, objection due to concern



of local control will be seen for what it is: rationalization for opposition to the legislation when the true motive for opposition is the belief and adherence to radical gender ideology.

Schools are accustomed to having policy based on state or federal requirements, especially for issues pertaining to discrimination and harassment. The People and governments have decided that, for these issues, leaving the specific policy to the discretion of local control is not the prudent or ethical path. School districts and their staff have already demonstrated the capacity to defy reason in the name of ideology and have done the very thing this legislation seeks to prohibit – forcing biological male and female to share sleeping quarters. This legislation addresses one very specific concern, with cause. It is not based on conjecture or fear. Certainly, the legislation does not address all challenges presented in this new era of radical gender ideology that is resulting in record numbers of gender confused children, but it does take important strides for the protection of children and of the school districts themselves.

One opportunity for clarity in the proposed legislation exists in Section 1. (a) which currently states:

*The board of education of each school district shall adopt a policy requiring that separate overnight accommodations be provided for students of each biological sex during school district sponsored travel that requires overnight stays by students.*

I would ask that the committee consider amending the language regarding “school district sponsored travel” to “*school sponsored, associated, or affiliated travel that includes overnight stays by students*” or something similar. I can envision staff, admins, and districts focusing specifically on the word “sponsored” and “required” to circumvent the intent of the law. One example is that a district could take the position that travel associated with a club, for instance, is not indeed sponsored by the school district because school funds did not pay for the trip and/or it was not promoted through district communications. A district could also take the position that overnight travel was not required for a particular event. Imagine traveling for a state tournament several hours away and the district tells the student “You are not required to stay overnight for this event. Sorry, but if you want to participate in the overnight stay, you must accept the room accommodations. You can always have your parent/guardian drive you in if you do not wish to stay with the team”. This gives the real opportunity for false choice to be presented to children.

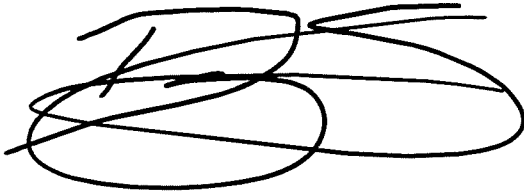
School districts and their staff should not promote, encourage, or force any ideological or lifestyle choices upon any student in the district. It is no more appropriate for a staff member to force Christian faith

teachings onto students than it is to force radical gender ideology onto students. School district needs to identify policies and mechanisms to ensure that children and families of all beliefs are respected and accommodated, without infringing on those who may hold opposing views. This legislation sets a clear and reasonable boundary that should not be crossed, but also provides school districts sufficient local control to determine how to accommodate students requiring various mental and physical needs when it comes to sex and gender.

I sincerely hope you consider advancing this legislation and agree with my position that HB 2427 is both reasonable and necessary legislation to pass.

Thank you for your time spent reading this testimony.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Douglas Shane', written in a cursive style with several overlapping loops.

Douglas Shane, DVM, PhD  
Citizen, Representative District 6

House Education Committee  
March 15, 2023  
RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

I appreciate you bringing this bill to the committee for consideration. I cannot believe we have to legislate common sense but housing teenage boys and girls in the same room is not a good idea regardless of how those children choose to identify themselves.

I am not a teenage girl, but I did raise one and I know she would not appreciate having to room with a boy. There is a privacy issue as well as a safety issue in having members of the opposite sex room together.

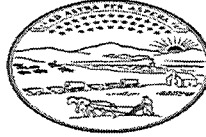
I am in **STRONG PROPONET** for this bill to pass out of committee and eventually become law. We must restore sanity to our State and Our Republic and that starts with recognizing there are only two genders and they are not the same. I hope you will vote to advance this bill.

Sincerely,

Thad Snider  
Johnson County

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TOPEKA  
SENATE CHAMBER

MARK STEFFEN, M.D.  
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March 16,2023

Dear Legislators,

**I am a strong proponent of HB 2427.** It's just common sense to separate boys and girls on overnight school sponsored trips. From staged riots in our big cities, to ESG, defund the police, to woke and now broke banks, the Liberals have intentionally undermined our traditional and successful way of life. Please do not let them destroy our children in their race to chaos.

Thank you,

Senator Mark B. Steffen, M.D.

03/19/2023

HB2427

Proponent

Kari Sue Vosburgh

Chairman Thomas and Members of the Committee,

As a mother of two girls I understand the need for this bill. My younger daughter traveled with overnight stays while playing volleyball. My older daughter traveled for equestrian competitions, both school and non-school related. Because very little time is spent in your hotel room while at horse shows, to cut costs we would share rooms with other moms, daughters, or trainers. I would never have thought to allow my daughter, or myself, to share a room with a biological male. Truth be told, the thought of it occurring never would have crossed my mind until the last year or so. While I believe it goes against the Bible, what others choose to do with regard to their biological sex doesn't really concern me. That is, until you want to put someone who is a biological male in a room all night with my daughter, or even myself. With multiple people in a hotel room, all getting dressed at the same time, it is quite likely at some point you will be exposed to sexual parts of the other people in the room. I didn't want my daughter to see male genitalia at a young age and I don't think anyone should be put in that situation whether male or female.

Not passing this legislation not only puts students in awkward and uncomfortable positions, but teachers, coaches and administrators as well. Asking those who are overseeing the activities to put aside any beliefs they may have by requiring them to place a biological male in a room with a biological female, or vice versa is not an issue they are trained to address and one they should not be required to address.

I don't know what the answer is to make everyone happy, but allowing those who are biological males at birth to share a room overnight with biological girls is NOT the answer. Likewise, allowing those who are biological females at birth should not be sharing a room overnight with biological males. Please vote to pass SB255 out of committee favorably.

Kari Sue

Vosburgh

Sedgwick County Precinct Woman

House Education Committee

March 18, 2023

RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

Thank you for hearing about this important issue of safety for our public school students. I support SB 255 and also urge your support to get this bill passed.

It is astonishing – no, horrifying - that this bill is even necessary, but here we are! It is absolutely, unequivocally unacceptable for a girl to be forced to share a bed or even a room with a biological male during school travel!!!

We have three daughters. In our own home, we would not let them have a biological male in their room, whether friend, relative or stranger. Would something terrible happen? Probably not. Could it? Absolutely. We should not put our female students in a very uncomfortable position and possibly in danger by allowing a male to stay in the same room with them and possibly in the same bed. There is NO excuse for that!

Safety and protection is important for ALL students and I hope the committee will keep that in mind and pass this bill out of committee favorably. It is your job to protect and care for citizens of Kansas and that certainly includes young females on student trips!

Passing this bill is simple common sense. Please do whatever you can to pass this bill!!!

Thank you!

Tori Walker

Mom and Music Teacher in Kansas

House District #37

House Education Committee  
March 20, 2023  
RE: Proponent Written Testimony for HB 2427

Chairman Thomas and House Education Committee,

Thank you for hearing about this important issue of safety for our public school students. I support HB 2427 and also urge your support. As a citizen, a public school teacher, a mom and a grandmother I urge your support on this requirement of public schools to provide separate accommodations for students of each biological sex on overnight school-sponsored trips. This legislation should be common sense, but our culture is trying to convince otherwise. The failure to support this requirement creates an environment for many possible scenarios, all of which do not favor our girls. We as adults must not be complicit in allowing circumstances that put students at unnecessary risk of exploitation, trauma, or assault.

Please help favorably pass this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

Leanna Wylie  
Quinter, KS 67752