

As an educator in Maryland's public schools, it is plain to me that this bill demonizes children based on biologically invalid, regressive attitudes. This bill serves to bar girls from participating in athletics by denying them the opportunities that are available to peers, plain and simple. Lawmakers need to stop pathologizing the bodies and experiences of transgender students so that they can thrive alongside their peers. This bill proposes and normalizes unlawful limitations on transgender students' civil rights. The topic of transgender girls' identity is not up for debate, nor is it subject to the whims or narrow-mindedness of lawmakers who lack the experience and education necessary to develop informed opinions on this topic. I staunchly oppose this bill.

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