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Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chairman  
and Members of the Ways and Means Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **HB 0757** – Interscholastic & Intramural Teams & Sports – Designation Based on Biological sex –  
**SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women strongly supports HB 757, which bases the designation for participation in sports in public and non-public schools on biological sex.

Girls and boys are biologically different from birth. Separate sports categories for male and female athletes were established because post-pubescent males are larger, stronger, have longer and more dense bones, larger hearts, greater lung capacity and other differences that give them a competitive advantage over biological females. Natural testosterone levels for post-pubescent males range from 7.7 to 29.4 nmol/L (nanomoles per liter) compared to females, even elite athletes, whose natural testosterone levels range from 0.12 to 1.76 nmol/L -- a huge difference. USA Swimming's new policy establishing eligibility criteria for transgender athletes requires a concentration of testosterone in the blood less than 5 nanomoles per liter continuously for at least 36 months prior to an event – still a huge difference.

Competitive sports have been binary for a reason. It is not a fair or level playing field if males, even those identifying as female, are allowed to compete against biological females. A specific case in point is the University of Pennsylvania swimmer Lia Thomas who ranked in the mid-500s nationally while competing for 3 years in men's swimming. Now identifying as female, he recently entered the Ivy League championships as the top seed in the 200-yard, 500-yard and 1,650-yard freestyle events. Sports "greats" Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and others have publicly stated that the practice is unfair and unjust.

The only path to a fair and level playing field for trans-women and trans-men is to establish a third category of competitive sports. The protections in HB 757 ensure a level playing field for girls and women and guarantee them continued access to hard-fought opportunities for scholarships, educational degrees and job opportunities. Please give HB 757 a **FAVORABLE** report.

Sincerely,  
Ella Ennis, Legislative Chairman