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**Written Testimony Unfavorable to HB0757:
Education – Interscholastic and Intramural Teams and Sports – Designation
Based on Biological Sex (Save Women’s Sports Act)**

Delegate Atterbeary, Chair, Delegate Washington, Vice-Chair, and esteemed members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Maggie Clarkson, and my pronouns are she/her. I am a tenth-grader at Bethesda Chevy-Chase High School. I submit this unfavorable testimony today for HB0757.

I have several transgender friends and classmates, and I see that they are much happier when they can live as their authentic gender. This legislation will negatively affect their lives and mental health, and provides no benefit to anyone. Trans and non-binary teens have no advantages over others when participating in sports, and I know that I and many others would much prefer to play on a team with people who are split based on gender, not biological sex. I also know that it is likely that most transgender teens would not want to play on a team of people that align with their biological sex, so what this legislation is doing is essentially banning trans teens from participating in sports.

Out of consideration for the mental and physical health of transgender and nonbinary kids and teens in the state of Maryland, **I urge you to issue an unfavorable report for HB0370: Education – Interscholastic and Intramural Teams and Sports – Designation Based on Biological Sex (Save Women’s Sports Act).**

Sincerely,
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