

Dear Representatives,

As a long time coach and athletic Administrator for Baltimore County Public Schools, please oppose MD House Bill 0343 due to the equity concerns and negative impact that it will have on student athletes in Maryland public schools.

HB0343 is harmful to Maryland schools for several reason:

- HB0343 allows for the exploitation of student-athletes. These events must be sanctioned by the NFHS and MPSSAA. There are no safeguards in place without the jurisdiction of the NFHS, MPSSAA, and COMAR.
- HB0343 increases the administrative duties and liability for the Athletic Director, Administration, School, and School system. It also negatively impacts the other interscholastic athletic programs by showcasing one sport over all the others.
- HB0343 could negatively impact already scheduled games, tournaments, and championships.
- HB0343 would supercede COMAR. COMAR has fair and equitable standards for all sports.

In order to maintain the equity and integrity of our state athletic association, we **ask that you help keep Maryland's 24 LEA's and the MPSSAA strong by opposing House Bill 0343.**

Thank you for your continued service and support of the Maryland public school system.

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