

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, chair
And Members of The Ways And Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 0359- Save Women's Sports Act- **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair, Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

I urge your support for HB 0359, which will continue to make sports fair for all participants, especially biological women.

HB 0359 will further the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion that our government and many organizations are striving to incorporate as part of their mission. By passing a law mandating public schools to designate athletic teams based on biological sex:

- The **diversity** of sports is maintained, encouraging opportunities for both males and females to compete on their own teams, or on expressly defined coeducational or mixed gender teams.
- **Inclusion** will be increased; most women know that competing against biological males is not fair, and biological women will continue to be involved in sports given these individual categories. Many women, and men, understand the fairness of this structure.
- **Equity** is likely the most critical element in this bill. Biological males generally have larger lung capacity, larger muscles, denser bones, more lean body mass, and other attributes that give them a physical advantage over biological females in many sports.

Laws passed decades ago, under Title IX, have given women fair, equitable access to sports, including very valuable and life-changing college scholarships. Allowing biological males, who identify as female, to compete with/against biological females, all progress stemming from Title IX is negated.

Please give **HB 0359** a **FAVORABLE** report.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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