

Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill: HB359 - Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams and Sports - Designation Based on Sex (Save Women's Sports Act)

Position: **FAVORABLE**

Dear Delegate Atterbeary and fellow members of the Committee,

Competitive sports have been binary for a reason. Allowing biological men to compete against biological women is simply cruel and discriminatory. Competitive sports are based on Sex, not Gender.

The United States has made great strides in promoting women's sports since Title IX revolutionized our country over 50 years ago. Ignoring this would set us back for women's rights for almost half a century. We would be discouraging females to participate in sports because of having to compete against biological men and strip them of their pride.

Female athletes have fought too long and too hard for equal athletic opportunity to let that happen. The average male is bigger, faster, and stronger than the average female. In fact, males who suppress testosterone and use feminizing hormones do not mitigate male biological advantage.

Dr. Emma Hilton PhD recently published [a study](#) in 2021 that shows that males retain significant strength and cardio-pulmonary benefits even 14 years after transition treatments (on average a 20% advantage over females).

In October 2022, Dr. Carole Hooven PhD from Harvard was featured on [Dr. Phil](#) sharing her research that "There is NO scientific evidence to support males competing in the women's category, regardless of suppression and intervention."

But it is not just the top male athletes who can beat the world's best females: Tennis player Serena Williams is widely regarded as one of the greatest athletes of all time. Yet, in 1998, the 203rd-ranked men's player, Karsten Braasch, beat both Serena and her sister Venus.

18 states across the country have already passed similar legislation. Please vote favorable on HB359 for the sake of young women in Maryland.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Ullmann of District 7A in Kingsville, Maryland.