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Ways and Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
c/o Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbear, Chair
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 47 – Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act

Dear Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to support HB 47, the Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act, and urge you to give this legislation a favorable report in order to protect a level playing field for girls’ sports in Maryland.

Policies with regard to participation in sports are easy to create. Simply put, there should be no special allowances or rules for gender identity. Bodies play sports, not identities. It takes only one trans-identified male to displace the trajectory of every female athlete in a given sport. We know this from the hundreds of documented cases of female championship titles, medals, and podium spots lost due to a failure to protect the integrity of girls’ sporting events.

As a society, we can celebrate the differences of individuals but also hold bodies accountable in sports. The future of every female athlete depends on it. To vote otherwise will undermine all of the progress we have made as a country in uplifting women and providing them with equal opportunities to achieve their dreams. This empowering legislation will them to know that hard work and dedication still matters.

Again, I urge your committee to give HB 47 a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hornberger", is written over a horizontal line.

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