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Dear Legislative Delegates:

I am writing to express opposition to HB575. The bill also known as the Interscholastic and Intramural Teams and Sports – Designation Based on Biological Sex (Save Women's Sports Act) is bigoted bill that aimed at excluding transgender girls from sports. Gender is not binary nor fixed and cannot be determined merely by examining an individual's genitals. In addition, gender identity is a protected class since 2014 with the Fairness For All Marylanders Act.

This legislative bill has been created out of ignorance and fear. Please do not let those two factors guide your decision-making process. Please let's be on the correct side of history when looking back. There was a time when black athletes were not allowed to play sports because they were said to have an unfair advantage or not equal competitors. Let's not make the same mistake or use the same old tropes in this situation.

Creating the possibility of gender policing in sports holds dangerous possibilities for both transgender and cisgender individuals. Let's keep sports a positive and uplifting experience. For these and many more reasons I am urging you to oppose HB575.

Sincerely,

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