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Committee:	Ways and Means Committee
Bill Number:	House Bill 757
Title:	Education – Interscholastic and Intramural Teams and Sports – Designation Based on Biological Sex (Save Women's Sports Act)
Hearing:	February 24, 2022
Position:	Support

Planned Parenthood of Maryland strongly opposes *House Bill 757 – Education – Interscholastic and Intramural Teams and Sports – Designation Based on Biological Sex (Save Women's Sports Act).*

As a health care provider for many transgender Marylanders, we believe this bill is based on a misunderstanding of "biological sex." The first whereas clause states that a person can be "objectively" categorized as one of "two" sexes. However, this ignores the many ways sex is not two objective categories. The whereas clause suggests that sex can be categorized by chromosomes or anatomy. In school, many people are taught that every person either has two X chromosomes or one X and one Y chromosome. However, the reality is much more complex. There are people with two X chromosomes and a Y chromosome; one X and two Ys; or a single X chromosome alone. Categorizing people at birth based on their anatomy is also more complicated than it may seem. There are various reasons babies may be born with genital anatomy that is hard to categorize or does not "match" the anatomy typically associated with the baby's chromosome pair. The closer you look at the biology of sex, the clearer it becomes that it is a much more complex phenomenon than the male-female binary.

This bill refers to students being biologically female or biologically male but provides no guidance on how these categories are defined. We do not believe that creating objective definitions for this bill is possible and that passing legislation such as this will only result in discrimination against transgender and intersex students.

We ask for an unfavorable vote on this legislation. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Scott Tiffin at (443) 350-1325 or stiffin@policypartners.net.