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Dear Senator Feldman, Senator Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee,

Moms for Liberty Maryland urges you to protect a level playing field for girls' sports by voting for a favorable report for SB 381.

This legislation brings fairness and common sense back to the discussion surrounding girls' sports. In the past year alone, there have been countless examples of girls suffering severe injuries at the hands of transgender athletes. Failure to act on this legislation is a failure of this body to protect our female athletes from serious injury. Furthermore, many girls have been denied awards and scholarship opportunities when they have been bumped off podiums by transgender competitors. This is not fair or just. No one is in favor of denying transgender athletes their opportunities to play sports, but it should not be at the expense of biological girls. This bill applies specifically to high school intramural junior varsity and varsity teams. It provides for three types of teams: Girls', Boys', and coeducational or mixed teams. Therefore, it provides athletic opportunities for all students. HB47 seeks to promote equality by providing fairness for girls to compete safely. This will enable a level playing field where biological girls compete only against biological girls.

Please return a favorable report out of committee for SB 381 by showing your support for all student athletes while standing up for our girls.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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