

Maryland General Assembly
Senate Education, Energy, and Environmental Committee
Annapolis, MD

SUBJECT: SB 588 Fairness in Girls' Sports Act

I am writing to express my sincere concern about fairness in girls' sports in Maryland schools. To allow biological males to compete against girls in girls' sports is absolutely unfair and unsafe to girls. I cite three primary reasons:

1. **Physical Advantage**- There is more to the physical differences in males and females than hormone treatments can rectify. Allowing biological males to compete with girls does not account for the differences in **bone structure, muscle mass, hemoglobin, and lung capacity** that give most males an advantage over their female counterparts in physical competitions. It has been proven in actual competitions between biological males and girls that, given the same amount of practice and prep, the males will dominate over their female competitors. There are actual cases of girls being injured by strong males in girls' sports such as volleyball and hockey.
2. **Safety** - Allowing biological males access to the girls' locker rooms and bathrooms denies the girls privacy in showers and toilet areas when they are unclothed. It also gives the biological males opportunities for sexual assault which no girl should have to be made vulnerable especially in a school setting.
3. **Fairness** - Every time a biological male gets a roster spot on a women's team there is a biological female who is denied an opportunity to compete. Our biological female students will have fewer opportunities to compete for scholarships.

Please give favorable consideration to this bill and provide a safe and fair playing field for our Maryland girls when competing in girls' sports.

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