



Maryland SB588 - Fairness in Girls' Sports Act

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Our Position: SUPPORT

Women's Liberation Front (WoLF) is a national radical feminist, non-partisan, non-profit dedicated to restoring, defending and advancing the rights of women and girls.

We support SB588.

Female-only sports are incredibly important because they ensure that women and girls will continue to have opportunities related not just to winning sporting events, but opportunities to advance their educational opportunities and careers.

On average, females are smaller, weaker, and slower than males. This statement is not meant to diminish the amazing capabilities of the female sex. It is merely a fact based on biological reality. In competitive athletics, women and girls, on average, are at a serious disadvantage when they are forced to compete against men and boys. It is incredibly unfair to force women and girls to compete against males.

When female athletes are forced to compete against males who try to present themselves as females on teams, girls are deprived of titles, records, medals, scholarships, and opportunities to win, or participate, fairly and safely. All across the country, and globally, men and boys have taken advantage of being allowed to identify as female in order to enter and win athletic competitions against women and girls. When these boys and men win, they not only win accolades and prizes, but they also take away scholarship opportunities and career advancement opportunities for women and girls. The website shewon.org tracks losses by female athletes to males pretending to be women. Over 1,000 medals have been lost to more than 700 females, awarded to men

who identified as women in order to compete against them. In no world is this fair to women and girls.

SB588 defines sex correctly as biological sex. It seeks to protect girls in Maryland public schools, and those on teams in non-public schools who play against public school teams by ensuring they don't have to compete with boys on their teams. It also offers a co-ed option for everyone who wants to play.

I urge Maryland's leaders to support SB588 because this bill will ensure a fair playing field for girls throughout the state. Maryland's girls, and all girls, deserve the chance to play sports and win games and competitions on a level playing field, which is to compete against other girls.

Thank you for reviewing our testimony. WoLF is available to serve as a resource for you if you have questions or would like more information about the importance of single-sex sports, or any topic related to gender ideology and sex-based inequalities.

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