

Written Testimony for SB588    March 3, 2025  
FAVOR

I'm Jim Crawford from Charles County. I've been a Volleyball and Soccer referee for 36 years at every level from 6 year old to Semi-pro and College. And I speak on behalf of the several thousand referees in Maryland.

I testified in person the past two sessions at the House in FAVOR of protecting girls in sports.

In 2023 I described how UNFAIR and Cheating it is to allow biological Boys on girl's sports teams.

In 2024 I Described how UNSAFE boys in girls sports is.

Girls have already been hurt playing against boys in contact sports.

Now, know this: that any girl who gets HURT by a boy playing on a girls' team IS ON YOU!

And voters should, and will, hold you accountable.

Don't put the burden on us Referees of protecting girl players from the boys. The most important job of a Ref is player safety. Some of us will refuse to officiate such matches if a biological boy is playing against girls. No doubt, some girls' teams will even refuse to play against a "girls" team with a boy on the opposing team. Such boycott has already occurred on college teams.

You have a responsibility and a duty to PROTECT our and YOUR girls.

This bill SB588 needs to come out of this Committee.

**Show** some Leadership.

**Have** some Self-respect.

**Live up** to your Responsibility.

**Do your Duty** to Protect our girls.

Respectfully submitted,  
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