

HB0156 - Unfavorable
Ways & Means Committee

I am a parent of two school-age children in Maryland, and I am asking you to provide an Unfavorable Report on HB0156. This bill will do irreparable harm to youth in our state. Transgender children already experience significant discrimination, bullying, and exclusion in much of their lives. Data do not support the claim that transgender athletes have an advantage over cisgender athletes, undermining the supposed value of this bill.

In addition, biological sex is not defined. Science tells us that "biological sex" is not as simple as transphobes would have you believe. Would you be requiring genetic testing of athletes? Invasive genital exams on children? Those provide the opportunity for further trauma and harm to all youth. Please consider the well-being of young athletes in our state and provide an Unfavorable Report to HB0156.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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