

My name is Ellie Harvey, I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, live in Washington County, and I am writing to ask you all to pass HB 0156 the Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams - Designation Based on Sex (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act).

First of all, men are built completely different from women so allowing them to play on women's sports teams gives unfair advantages. As a 12 year old softball player, I can't play on the 10 and under team because I'm older, stronger, and have had more experience playing. Just like how it would be wrong for me to play on a little kids team, it is wrong for boys to play on a girls team.

Also, it's awkward. My body is going through changes that a person born male will never know about, so if I want to talk about girlie things with my female teammates while stretching or in the dugout I can't with a boy on the team.

Not passing this bill would be a total slap in the face to every woman and girl that plays sports because we have worked hard to have a place in the sports world, and allowing men to have that spot too is entirely unfair on so many levels. For example, men are built differently, women have fought hard for their place in the athletic sports world and boys in the dugout creates anxiety for developing young girls.

Please use your common sense and pass HB 0156.