House Bill 156 - Fairness in Girls' Sports Act FAVORABLE POSITION

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I stand in support of House Bill 156, the Fairness in Girls' Sports Act. This bill is crucial for preserving the integrity of women's sports in Maryland.

The essence of sports is competition on a level playing field, which is why we have separate categories for men and women. Biological differences between males and females, particularly in terms of physical attributes like strength, speed, and endurance, are well-documented.

We've seen examples across the nation where female athletes have lost titles, scholarships, and opportunities due to what many perceive as an unfair advantage. This bill isn't about exclusion but about ensuring that our female athletes' hard work and dedication are recognized and rewarded in a fair environment.

This legislation ensures the future of women's sports for current and future generations.

I urge you to support HB156 for the sake of fairness, equality, and the preservation of opportunities for female athletes in Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration.

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