

Written Testimony for HB156 January 27, 2025

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.

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

In 2023 I described how UNFAIR allowing biological Boys on girls sports teams is.

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

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

And voters should hold you accountable.

Don't put the burden on us Referees of protecting girl players from the boys. Some of us will refuse to officiate such matches if a biological boy is playing against girls. Some girls' teams will no doubt refuse to even play against a "girls" team with a boy on the opposing team. This has already occurred for college teams.

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

This bill 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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