

Support HB 0156 ~ Education- Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams- Designation Based on Sex (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act)

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To: House Ways and Means Committee

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As a 59-year Montgomery County resident, senior, and taxpayer, I encourage you to strongly support House Bill 156, Education- Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams- Designation Based on Sex (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act). House Bill 156 is essential for girls' sports in the future.

While attending Montgomery County schools, I was not subjected to the confusion of combining the opposite sex in our competitive sports. We had separate teams and separate locker rooms. As an adult, I also played co-ed volleyball, which was my choice, and there were different rules. In my days in our county, we did not have forced gender dysphoria. Males and females differ in apparent biological aspects and brain activity, sex-specific cognitive and behavioral styles, and susceptibility to illness and disorders.

Title IX was created to empower women to excel in sports and get the funding for their sports programs. Females competing against transgender athletes is wrong. There are differences between males and females. Biological men do not belong in women's locker rooms. Women deserve to compete against other women. High school girls want the opportunity to compete in sports for scholarship funding money. They should not compete with males with physical strength that females do not.

I firmly believe that the House Bill on Fairness in Girls' Sport is the right policy. Please support House Bill 0156.

Thank you.