

With regard to HOUSE BILL 156, Fairness in Girls' Sports Act, I respectfully request quick passage of this bill to protect girls competing in junior varsity & varsity sports throughout Maryland! Playing team sports has immeasurable positive impacts for girls: increasing self-confidence and allowing for "safe" risk taking on the field or court (& not in the bedroom or alleyways). A critical way for this to happen is in single sex environments where girls can fully express themselves and gain more self-awareness of themselves to have long-term benefits in their personal relationships, careers, etc. Protect women-only spaces, including on sports teams. Protect Women's Rights!