

HB0156 (Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams
- Designation Based on Sex (Fairness in Girls" Sports Act)

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Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to express my **support for the Fairness in Girls Sport Act.**

In my high school days, I lettered 12 times – played varsity sports every season for four years. My sports were Field Hockey, Basketball and Softball. If any of the boys I knew played with us I am sure that there would have been injuries. In fact, I played co-ed softball during summer and they had a rule that boys/men switch hit (hit with their non-dominant hand) and I was still scared to play infield because many of them were strong enough to hit it harder than girls even with their opposite hand.

In my college years I continued playing field hockey for four years. Again I am sure that there would have been many injuries if men were allowed to play on any team.

Therefore I SUPPORT HB156 based on my personal experience.

Thank you.

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