

I strongly support the HB0156 that protects biological girls in High School competitive sports!

The MD General Assembly created a task force in 2015 to study sports injuries in high school female athletes. Their report states that “differences between the female and male athlete can place the female at higher risk of certain injuries when competing in high school athletics.” Even if puberty blockers were taken before puberty, they will not equalize physiology or make a male into a female.

Given that finding, is it safe or fair for High School competitive female athletes to not only deal with the range of injuries and abilities that occur within female sports, to also be subjected to those of males?

This is not about exclusion, but to acknowledge differences. Science proves there are male advantages that cannot be undone. Hormones taken after puberty do not undue traits. Hormones taken prior will not make a male into a female! Changing outside looks does not equate!

Over 20 states so far, and increasing, have adopted laws protecting women’s opportunities in sports. Over 20 have court injunctions to delay implementation of new Title IX regulations that allow gender identity to determine sex.

Historically, biological differences between males and females leave females more vulnerable and more discriminated against. This warrants separation of spaces, teams and other areas for safety and privacy.

This is a great opportunity we can show we support women’s rights!

I urge you to vote favorable for bill 0156.