

February 16, 2026

The Honorable Chair
Senator Brian J. Feldman
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: OPPOSITION of Senate Bill 0050 Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams and Sports - Designation (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act)

To the Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and esteemed members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

As an individual resident of Baltimore City, I strongly oppose SB0050. This bill does not consider peer reviewed scientific studies about trans women in sports which show that trans girls do not have an inherent advantage in sports.

Scientific studies, including a [2024 study](#) in the British Journal of Sports Medicine funded in part by the International Olympic Committee, have found that trans women do not have inherent advantages when participating in sports, finding they had similar bone density and hemoglobin profiles to cisgender women, as well as decreased lower-body strength and lung function relative to cisgender women.

The proposed legislation would increase structural discrimination against vulnerable trans Marylanders, resulting in worse physical health and mental health outcomes ([Hatzenbuehler et al](#)). Please keep Maryland safe for our trans and nonbinary constituents.

For these reasons and many more, **I ask the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee to give SB0050 an unfavorable report.**

For more information about this position, please contact Zoe Renfro at zoe.renfro@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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