

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,

My name is Collin Kilgore, and I am a resident of Baltimore, Maryland. I am writing to express my opposition to SB0050, the “Fairness In Girls’ Sports Act.” This bill does not protect girls in sports; rather, it exposes them to increased harm by fostering an environment of fear, encouraging false allegations, and paving the way for invasive and discriminatory screenings that could lead to abuse by coaches, doctors, and other athletic staff.

All girls who do not conform to gender stereotypes become targets for harassment. For instance, a cisgender girl with short hair, baggy clothing, or visible muscle development from sports training—like the 16-year-old girl from Utah in 2024—had her gender questioned by an adult on the State Board of Education through social media. This ignited a campaign of cyberbullying against her for simply not fitting into traditional gender norms.

Instead of protecting women's sports, bills like SB0050 that impose bans on trans girls in sports promote bullying, discrimination, and even violence against women and girls. Subjecting all girls to invasive genital inspections to “prove” their gender only heightens the well-documented risk of abuse by coaches and team doctors.

No one deserves to face the discrimination and scrutiny proposed by this bill, especially during such a vulnerable time in their lives. Our responsibility is to protect children and allow them to be kids, regardless of how they identify.

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