

SENATOR BRIAN J. FELDMAN  
EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Senate Bill 50  
In Hearing February 18 at 1:00 PM

### **IN SUPPORT**

As a Maryland resident, feminist, lesbian, former high-school runner, and mother of athletic kids, I am strongly in favor of Senate Bill 50.

I spent 5 years on the board of Women's Liberation Front advocating for women's rights, and am proud that Maryland is striving to lead the way in ensuring equal athletic opportunity for girls.

Having sports categories designated by sex is fair because everyone, regardless of other identifiers, is either male or female. No one is being excluded or denied the right to participate in athletic opportunities by competing within their own sex category.

It's also fair for sport categories to be designated by sex because there are profound differences between males and females in terms of power, strength, speed, endurance and body size. Even when males and females are of similar age and training, males outperform females by 10-40% depending on the sport.

Studies have found that enhanced athletic performance has been driven in males in utero, early life, and into adulthood and cannot be reversed. Estrogen therapy cannot undo male athletic advantage.

Girls' sports divisions existed to properly acknowledge the hard work of female athletes. However, since 2014, at least 112 male athletes took podium wins in women's competitions in Maryland alone, including in high school competitions. Those are placements that were robbed from girls and young women due to male participation.

I strongly urge Maryland's general assembly to vote YES on SB 50 to ensure fairness and safety for girls and young women.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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