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In support of SB0050

According to the U.S. Census' Quick Facts at July 1, 2024, females are 51% of Maryland's population. Trans people are estimated to make up just 1-2% of the U.S. population. Yet opponents of this bill have chosen to prioritize the emotional wellbeing of the 1% over the physical safety of the 51%.

I totally agree with the Maryland Federation of Republican Women in strongly supporting SB0050 for the following reasons:

- The Maryland General Assembly's 2015 report of the Task Force to Study Sports Injuries in High School Female Athletes stated that "differences between the female and male athletes can place the female at higher risk of certain injuries when competing in high school athletics."
- Boys exhibit athletic performance advantages before puberty.
- There is an average 10-12% performance gap between elite males and elite females. The gap is smaller between elite females and non-elite males, but still insurmountable.
- Women athletes are less strong and powerful than equally trained men, with muscle strength typically reported for women in the range of 40-75% that of men.

There is also the issue of safety and modesty in the areas of locker rooms which an athlete must be used in preparation of an athletic event. It is difficult for me to understand why anyone who has ever supported fairness in women's sports would allow for such a disadvantage in women's participation.

Please vote in favor of SB0050 and support our young women in their right to fair and safe competition.

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