

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 Jasper Dempsey, I am a resident of Baltimore City. I am writing to name my opposition to SB0050 the "Fairness In Girls' Sports Act". This bill does not take into account 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.

Trans girls belong - full stop. Imagine navigating high school already feeling different, and being told you don't deserve the same opportunities as everyone else; no young person should have to fight just to be treated as normal. Trans youth deserve the same chances as cis kids - including the right to play sports - because inclusion isn't a privilege, it's a basic affirmation of their humanity.

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

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