

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 Cass Caveney, I am a resident of Silver Spring, MD. I am writing to express my opposition to SB0050 the "Fairness In Girls' Sports Act". This bill does not protect girls in sports, it exposes all girls to more harm by creating an environment of fear, encouraging false allegations, and laying the groundwork for invasive and discriminatory screenings that open the door to abuse by coaches, doctors and other athletic staff.

All girls who do not conform to gender stereotypes are at risk of harassment. Cisgender girls and women who have short hair, wear baggy clothing, have too much muscle, or just look "mannish" have repeatedly faced harassment and bullying because of bills like this. Still worse, subjecting girls to invasive genital inspections to prove they are girls increases the well documented risk of athletes being abused by coaches and team doctors.

All of these harms are in the name of "fairness", but study after study has shown that trans girls and women have no athletic or performance advantage over their cis peers<sup>12</sup>.

**I ask the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee to give SB0050 an unfavorable report.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cass Caveney

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