

FROM THE DESK OF

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The Honorable Chair
Senator Brian J. Feldman
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
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**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 River Mansueti and I am a resident of Montgomery County, MD.
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.

As a trans person who loves sports, this would affect me by contributing to
the anti-trans climate sweeping this nation under the current administration.
Sports are a critical way to gain community and a healthy way to relieve
stress, which are greatly important in all stages of life, but especially during
school age. Passing this bill will deprive us of these things which are integral
to human function. While I am not in school anymore, it pains me to see my
trans sisters deprived of the ability to play sports. If this passes, it will usher
in more anti-trans legislation. This is unacceptable as a trans person living in
Maryland, a state known for its protections of LGBTQIA+ residents.

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

**Thank you for your time,
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