

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 Blake Mihm, I am a resident of Dickerson, MD in Montgomery County. 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.

I care about this bill because I have trans friends and family. It breaks my heart to see how much my little cousin struggles to feel safe at school, and bills like this will just make his life harder. Frankly I am not sure why the government is wasting its time trying to prevent kids from playing sports with their friends.

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