

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 Pauley, I am a resident of Baltimore City. I am writing to name my opposition to SB0050 the "Fairness In Girls' Sports Act". This legislation would disproportionately affect Black & girls of color that are trans and cisgendered, due to historical racism and transphobia.

Dehumanization and objectification of Black women and girls stretches back to chattel slavery, when enslaved Black women and girls were valued for auction based on their physical appearances and skills that were seen as more masculine or more feminine. Black and brown women have faced many more false accusations of being transgender, subjecting these athletes to higher rates of harassment and intrusive sex testing than their white peers. SB0050 would open the door for more cisgendered Black and girls of color to face more of this harassment.

Policies like SB0050 expand the power and surveillance and scrutiny of girls' bodies. Why does the state get to decide who is "woman enough"? SB0050 reinforces suspicion and invasive oversight, especially of black and brown girls'.

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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