

The Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins
House Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Testimony of Trans Maryland

IN OPPOSITION TO

House Bill #63: Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams and Locker Rooms - Designation Based on Sex (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act)

To the Chair, Vice Chair, and esteemed members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

I am a resident of Frederick County and I am writing to name my opposition to HB63. This year, the Maryland General Assembly will be hearing the “Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act” for the fifth time since 2022. While the bill has died in committee every time it has been introduced, there is a lot of misinformation about the bill—and about the issue of transgender girls participating in sports more generally.

Bills like HB63 subject trans and cisgender athletes to invasive, non-consensual genital inspections to prove they are girls, increasing the well-documented risk of athletes being abused by coaches and team doctors. In 2024, a cisgender athlete faced threats after a member of the State Board of Education questioned her gender on social media. According to the student's father, her presentation (short hair, baggy clothing and physique from working out) caused the questioning.

Trans girls who want to participate in sports are trying to do just that—participate in sports. Community, character and value development happens in team sports and every teen has the right to this experience and the laws should reflect that right. HB63 doesn’t protect this right for everyone, it deprives trans girls of this important experience.

For these reasons and many more, I urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 63.

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