

Written Testimony in Support of HB 63

Bill: House Bill 63 – Education – Interscholastic and Intramural Teams and Locker Rooms – Designation Based on Sex

Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Position: Favorable

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My name is Melissa Christian and I am a resident of Arnold, Maryland. I am the parent of an 11-year-old daughter who plays competitive soccer at the Olympic Development level and attends school in the Maryland public school system.

I am submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 63.

Athletics have been a powerful and positive influence in my daughter's life. Through soccer, she has learned discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and confidence. Like many Maryland families, we dedicate significant time, effort, and resources to support her participation in competitive sports.

House Bill 63 helps preserve the fairness, clarity, and integrity of girls' athletics by designating interscholastic and intramural teams and locker rooms based on sex. These designations exist for important and practical reasons. Physical differences matter in athletic competition, and clear standards help ensure that girls are able to compete on a level playing field.

Equally important, this bill supports appropriate privacy and comfort for students, particularly young girls. As a parent, I want my daughter to be able to participate fully in school athletics without being placed in situations that compromise her sense of safety, dignity, or well-being—whether on the field or in locker room facilities.

HB 63 provides schools with clear guidance, reduces uncertainty for administrators, and helps ensure that opportunities created specifically for girls remain protected. It allows young female athletes to focus on what truly matters: learning, competing, and growing through sports.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report on HB 63.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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