

February 3, 2026

The Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Chair
The Honorable Jessica Feldmark, Vice-Chair
Members of the House Ways and Means Committee
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Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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

Dear Chair Wilkins, Vice-Chair Feldmark
and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I support HB 63, popularly known as the “Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act.” Immutable biological traits dictate that females and males are different and we cannot change these differences by choice. Mutual respect and dignity for all individuals is essential and that principle is not in dispute here.

My concern is that allowing individuals to choose which athletic teams or school facilities that they use will ultimately undermine opportunities for young women. This would reverse decades of progress and place us back in an era reminiscent of the pre–Title IX years of the 50s and 60s, when girls and young women had few meaningful opportunities to compete in sports. The advances made by prior generations of women were hard-won, and we have a responsibility to preserve them for future athletes.

Public opinion reflects this concern. National polling shows that approximately two-thirds of Americans believe that biological sex should determine participation in girls’ and boys’ sports. (see recent attached Gallup research). I see no reason to believe Marylanders hold a substantially different view.

I urge the General Assembly to stand with young female athletes and protect the integrity of girls’ sports by giving HB 63, the Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act, a favorable vote.

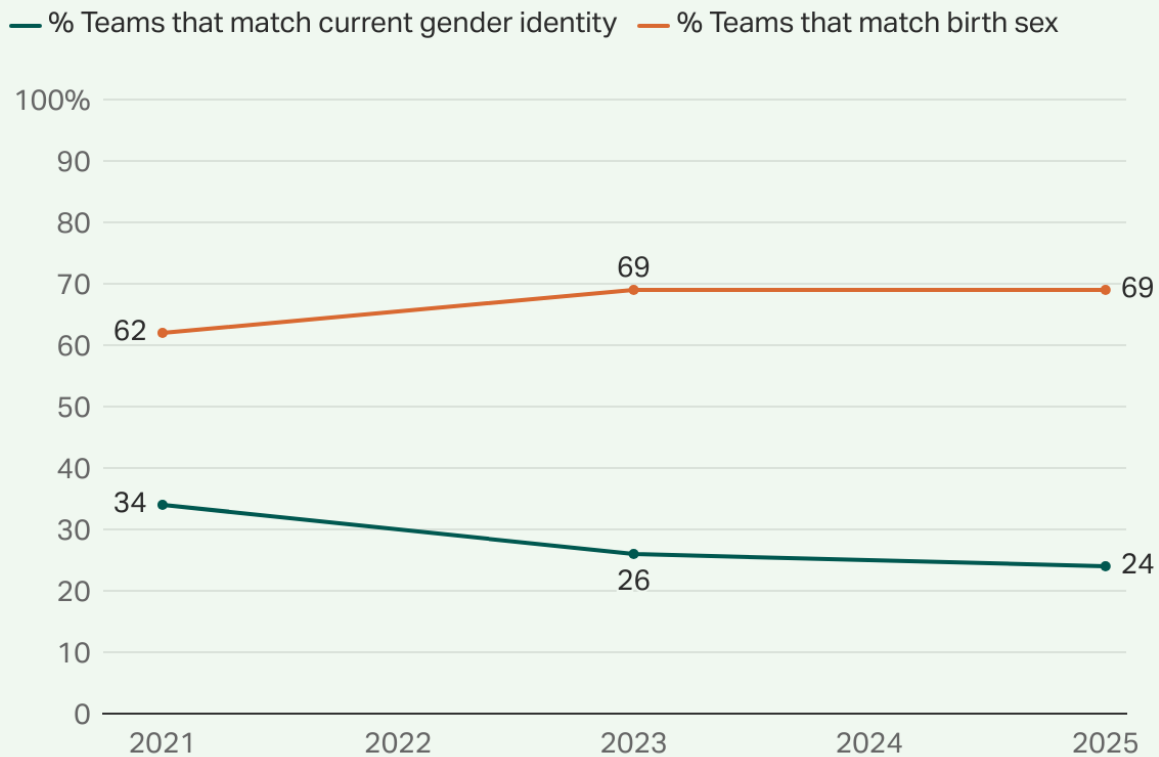
Sincerely,

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Americans' Views of Transgender Athletes, 2021-2025

Next, we have a question about policies for competitive sports that have separate teams for male and female athletes. Do you think transgender athletes should be able to play on sports teams that match their current gender identity, or should only be allowed to play on sports teams that match their birth gender?



Answer categories were rotated.

GALLUP

June 10, 2025

Two-Thirds in U.S. Prefer Birth Sex on IDs, in Athletics