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To the Maryland General Assembly:

Polls indicate that a significant majority of Americans, approximately 62% to 69%, believe that transgender athletes should only compete on sports teams that align with their sex assigned at birth, rather than their gender identity. This opposition has increased since 2021 and is generally consistent across various demographics, though views are sharply divided by political ideology.

Key findings on polling regarding biological men (transgender women) in women's sports:

**Public Opinion Trends:** A 2025 Gallup poll found that 69% of Americans believe transgender athletes should play on teams that match their birth sex, a rise from previous years.

**Partisan Division:** Opposition is strong among Republicans and Independents, while Democrats are more divided. However, even in California, a 2025 poll found that 65% of likely voters support requiring athletes to play on teams matching their sex at birth.

**Female Athlete Views:** A study indicated that 58% of female athletes support categorizing sports by biological sex, though 81% also believe sports bodies should improve inclusivity.

**International Perspective:** Polls in 2021 showed that 67.3% of Australians and 62% of Canadians felt it was unfair to allow transgender women to compete in women's sports.

Sincerely,

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