

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:

My name is Samantha Kerr, I am a resident of Baltimore City, District 46. I am writing to name my opposition to HB63. Trans girls do not have an advantage over cisgender girls, are not prominent in girls sports and anti-trans laws have a tendency to harm cis-girls/women more than others, especially Black trans girls/women.

A 2024 study in the British Journal of Sports Medicine funded in part by the International Olympic Committee, found that trans women do not have inherent advantages when participating in sports, that they had similar bone density and hemoglobin profiles to cisgender women, and even had decreased lower-body strength and lung function relative to cisgender women.

Bills like House Bill 63 are based not on science, but on a nationwide moral panic about transgender people, as well as anyone else who pushes too far outside of established gender norms. In the year (2024) that NCAA President Charlie Baker testified that he knew of fewer than 10 transgender athletes (out of a total of 510,000 nationwide) participating in the NCAA, multiple female Olympic athletes were falsely accused of being transgender. House Bill 63 is built not on actual evidence of harm, but on false accusations.

House Bill 63's most lasting effect will be building up a system of racialized gender policing of Black and Brown girls and women, who are significantly more likely to be questioned on their gender presentation than their white peers. I personally have consistently had my gender questioned although I am a cisgender Black woman, sometimes in situations that have been dangerous.

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

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