

**TESTIMONY FOR HB0063**  
**Fairness in Girls' Sports Act**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Szeliga  
**Committee:** Ways and Means  
**Person Submitting:** Monica O'Connor  
**Position:** UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chair and Committee members,

I urge you today to vote unfavorably on HB0063 Fairness in Girls' Sports Act. The sponsor and co sponsors of this bill are unrelenting in attacking a minute subset of the Maryland population based on emotion and prejudice, not on facts.

Here are some facts to consider:

- Scientific studies, including a 2024 study in the British Journal of Sports Medicine funded in part by the International Olympic Committee, have found that trans women do not have inherent advantages when participating in sports, finding they had similar bone density and hemoglobin profiles to cisgender women, as well as decreased lower-body strength and lung function relative to cisgender women.
- Additionally, in December 2024, NCAA President Charlie Baker testified that there were fewer than 10 transgender athletes (out of a total of 510,000 nationwide) participating in the NCAA, making up only 0.002%.
- There are ZERO known cases of a transgender girl being awarded an athletics scholarship.

Finally, locker room restrictions for trans students isolate vulnerable youths and put them at risk. There is a long and ugly history in this country of using the 'protection of girls and women' as a means to punish and discriminate against vulnerable populations.

As a mother of 4 cis children and 1 trans child I am also full of emotions. My emotions are to support, protect, defend and love all my children. But I don't act on emotions alone. I act on facts.

My expectation is that this committee will once again dismiss this baseless and bigoted bill - that pretends to support girls in sports but in fact promulgates lies, and prejudices that do indeed [hurt a segment of our community](#). I urge an unfavorable vote.

Respectfully,

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