



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

**TESTIMONY OF JEREMY BROWNING
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UNFAVORABLE STATEMENT ON SB0381
EDUCATION - INTERSCHOLASTIC AND INTRAMURAL JUNIOR VARSITY AND
VARSITY TEAMS - DESIGNATION BASED ON SEX**

February 7, 2024

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

The Hon. Brian J. Feldman, Chair
The Hon. Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair

Chair Feldman, Vice-Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee, my name is Jeremy Browning(he/him), and I am the Director of the Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs. The Commission was created by the 2021 Maryland General Assembly, and later altered in 2023, to assess challenges facing our LGBTQIA+ communities, establish best practices and recommendations for LGBTQIA+ inclusion, and provide testimony to legislative and administrative bodies.

The Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs is in strong opposition to Senate Bill 381, Fairness in Girls' Sports Act. This proposed legislation, despite its name, does not promote fairness. Instead, it institutionalizes discrimination and exclusion against transgender and intersex women and girls in sports.

Additionally, this approach not only disregards the rights and dignity of transgender women and girls but also places an undue emphasis on the bodies of all girls, women, and athletes assigned female at birth, potentially subjecting them to invasive and degrading physical examinations.

For these reasons, the Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs strongly urges an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 381.

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