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Dear Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

SUPPORT SB 381 “Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act.”

This Bill would not allow a biological male who identifies as female to play on a girls' team. There are overwhelming physiological and performance advantages for males over females in athletic competition. Why would the Ways and Means Committee vote unfavorable on this bill? The goal of the SB381 is to keep girls safe to compete with girls only. I define girls as “biological females.”

On February 2, I was disappointed how Delegate Fair questioned one witness who was there for her first experience of testifying in Annapolis. It was also obvious how questions asked of the panel against this bill had a witness be prepared with the answers. This was orchestrated ahead of time.

Studies comparing the performance levels of elite women athletes to men and boys’ performance show an insurmountable gap between them. Fairness in the opportunity to compete, and safety on a level playing field where girls compete against girls is what **equality** demands. It is not discrimination when we believe girls should not have to compete against boys.

Please support this important legislation to preserve the opportunities for girls who compete in organized sports in high school in a fair manner and earn athletic awards and scholarships. Male's physiological and performance advantages over females include cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and speed/agility. It is not fair competition for biological females to have to compete against biological males, regardless of their sexual identity preference or declaration.

There should be separate sports/teams for Girls, boys, and coeducational or mixed categories. There needs to be protection from being silenced or retaliated against for reporting violations of these provisions.

I strongly urge the committee to support Senate Bill 381, “Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act.”. Please keep male and female sports separate. This is the right thing to do. Thank you.