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On behalf of the America East Conference, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 4312, the S.C.O.R.E. Act. We respectfully encourage Members to consider cosponsoring and advancing this important legislation.

The S.C.O.R.E. Act thoughtfully addresses the evolving landscape of collegiate athletics by emphasizing the foundational pillars of the student-athlete experience: education, opportunity, and integrity. It offers a much-needed national framework to bring clarity and consistency to Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) agreements. Additionally, it enhances oversight of sports agents and introduces reasonable liability protections for conferences and institutions that act in good faith to uphold eligibility and transfer rules.

At its heart, this bill reflects a principle we've long held in the America East: student-athletes are students first. By reinforcing the primacy of educational outcomes, the S.C.O.R.E. Act helps ensure that college sports continue to serve as a powerful vehicle for academic and personal growth.

Student-athletes across the country have called for meaningful reform, and this legislation is a direct response to that call. While the NCAA has taken steps to improve health and wellness benefits and explore revenue-sharing models, we believe that lasting and impactful change must come through Congressional action. The S.C.O.R.E. Act represents a balanced and forward-looking approach that supports student-athletes and strengthens the future of college athletics.

We appreciate the Committee's leadership and welcome the opportunity to work together in support of this bipartisan effort.

Sincerely,

Brad Walker

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