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Congressman Kweisi Mfume
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Greetings Congressman Mfume,

My name is Clyde Doughty, Jr. and I am the Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreation at Bowie State University. We are a proud member of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, better known as the CIAA. We are a Division II member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

I wanted to make you aware of a bipartisan bill, the SCORE Act (H.R. 4312), that Bowie State University and the CIAA strongly support.

Student-athletes and schools across the country have been advocating for passage of this bill because it effectively tackles our priorities: preempting the patchwork of state laws and providing liability protections so student-athletes can play by one set of rules. Importantly, the bill also addresses an existential threat for Division II schools, ensuring student-athletes are not employees of schools.

Together with the NCAA's internal reforms, the SCORE Act provides student-athletes with unprecedented representation and benefits including comprehensive health and safety protections, NIL contract rights, and protections against predatory agents.

The bill could come up for a vote very soon and we urge you to cosponsor and vote in favor of this important bill. Thank you very much for your time and I would be happy to schedule time to answer any questions you might have.

Best,

Clyde Doughty, Jr.
Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreation
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