



DUKE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

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The Honorable Tim Walberg
Chairman
Committee on Education & Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
2176 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Walberg:

On behalf of Duke University, I write to express our gratitude for the Committee's work to favorably report H.R. 4312, the Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements (SCORE) Act for consideration before the House.

The Committee's leadership to date, along with that done in the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on the Judiciary, is an essential step in bringing much-needed clarity, fairness, and sustainability to the evolving landscape of college athletics.

As a Division I institution with a proud heritage of producing national champions and Olympic athletes alike, Duke is deeply committed to the success of our student-athletes. Our student athletes' success occurs not only on the field but in the classroom and in life.

The SCORE Act addresses several pressing challenges that student-athletes, coaches, universities, and intercollegiate athletic conferences face today:

- *Comprehensive Student-Athlete Protections:* The SCORE Act guarantees scholarship protections, extended medical coverage for sports-related injuries, access to mental health resources, and robust academic and career development support.
- *Uniform Standards for NIL:* By replacing the current patchwork of state laws with a single national framework, the SCORE Act will ensure that all student-athletes and institutions compete on a level playing field.
- *Stability and Legal Certainty:* The bill codifies key provisions of the recent *House* settlement, safeguarding new economic opportunities for student-athletes, such as revenue sharing, while reducing the risk of conflicting state laws and ongoing litigation.
- *Preservation of College Sports Traditions:* The SCORE Act preserves the uniquely American nature of college athletics and protects Olympic and non-revenue sports that enrich our campuses and communities.

We are grateful to the Committee for prioritizing student-athletes' well-being while ensuring the long-term health of college sports. Duke looks forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in the House and Senate to ensure the final passage of the SCORE Act.

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to supporting college athletes.

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cc: The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary