



Statement of Support from the Liberty League Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Dear Representative Elise Stefanik,

My name is Elizabeth Carleton I am a Rowing student-athlete and I serve as the Liberty League SAAC Representative, elected to represent the voice of thousands of Division III student-athletes across our 11 full member institutions. Our conference spans institutions in New York, giving me the privilege of representing student-athletes from across the region.

I strongly support the Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements Act (SCORE Act). Unlike Division I or II, Division III institutions do not offer athletic scholarships, and our model is built on the belief that student-athletes are students first. The SCORE Act protects this model while modernizing college athletics by preserving our non-employment status, establishing consistent NIL standards nationwide, and supporting student-athlete health, safety, and academic success.

Division III student-athletes do not view athletic participation as employment, we compete because it enriches our college experience. Simultaneously, our institutions are not built to operate under an employment model, financially or in mission. We are committed students who compete at a high level, and this legislation allows us to continue doing so in a stable, fair, and student-centered environment.

On behalf of Division III student-athletes in Bard College, Clarkson University, Hobart College, Ithaca College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, St. Lawrence University, Skidmore College, Union College, Vassar College, and William Smith College, including many within your district, I urge your support for the SCORE Act. This bill ensures that student-athletes in your communities can continue to thrive as students foremost.

Thank you for your time and commitment to improving college athletics for all student-athletes.

As the elected student representative of the Liberty League

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Liberty League Representative to the NCAA DIII SAAC, VSAAC President at University of Rochester

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