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The Honorable Tim Walberg
United States House of Representatives
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Walberg,

I wanted to take a quick moment to introduce myself and express my gratitude for your work introducing the SCORE Act last week.

Prior to being named Vice President and Director of Athletics at Michigan State in June, I served in the same role at Georgia Tech. While there I worked with a small group of athletic directors from across the country on the House Settlement Implementation Committee. While the House v. NCAA is a positive step, I firmly believe federal legislation is still a necessity.

Like you, I believe federal legislation to establish a national framework for Name, Image, and Likeness in college athletics will provide ample opportunities for student-athletes, while also providing the guardrails to stabilize college athletics and ensure the continued holistic support of student-athletes across all sports. This is legislation that will benefit athletic departments throughout Michigan, unifying our great fan bases, regardless of who they support.

I realize there is much work still to be done, but I want to offer up the support of myself and Michigan State Athletics. If there's anything we can do to help move the bill forward, please don't hesitate to ask.

I hope we have the opportunity to meet in the near future, and I look forward to continued interaction on this topic.

Best.

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Michigan State Vice President and Director of Athletics