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Dear House E&C Representative Team,

As a student-athlete at *Central Michigan University*, I am reaching out to ask you to support the SCORE Act.

I support this legislation as it would protect opportunities, especially in women's sports and Olympic sports, ensure that our health & safety protections are written into law, guarantee NIL contract rights, provide protections against predatory agents, and help ensure that student-athletes are all playing by the same rules.

As a member of the Mid-American Conference Council of Student-Athletes (COSA), we remain actively engaged in conversations and circumstances surrounding student-athletes both nationally and within the conference.

We encourage continued efforts to permit the NCAA and its members limited liability, an imperative and data-supported measure tied to academic success and fair competition, as we are student-athletes. Areas of importance include academic trajectory, graduation progress, eligibility status, transfer opportunities, pre- and post-season activities, number of competitions, and other unique opportunities across Division I athletics. For student-athletes, upholding the integrity of both sport and academics is essential, not only to our individual success, but also to the strength of each university, conference, and the NCAA as a whole.

Additionally, as members of COSA, we support the fact that student-athletes are not and do not want to be deemed employees of the institution. We recognize that we are in a unique position unparalleled by any other individual, but our circumstances make that possible: we are truly earning our academic opportunities and ultimate success. To perform the sport we love at the highest level in college athletics, we understand that it comes with the responsibility of excelling academically. We strive to maintain this opportunity to graduate with a degree we are proud of while participating in the sport we love at a high level of competition. If we were to be deemed employees or forced to unionize, it would:

- Dismantle the unique opportunities we have worked so hard to achieve;
- Lead to the demise of fair competition;
- Undermine Title IX protections;
- Lead to the loss of Olympic and other non-revenue sports; and
- Render student-athlete's voice from the Olympic and non-revenue generating sports ineffective in terms of bargaining power.

Our voice, the members of COSA and the MAC, is heard through the governance opportunities afforded to us through institutional Student-Athlete Advisory Committees and COSA. These forms of governance could be strengthened by being included in a codified structure that would allow the student-athlete voice to be amplified.

I hope you will stand with student-athletes across all three divisions in supporting this bill. I am also happy to meet with you to discuss why this legislation is so important to student-athletes and answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your consideration,

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