



Statement of Support from the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Dear Representative McCollum,

My name is Olivia Hanson, I am a women's basketball and track and field student-athlete and I currently serve as the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's National SAAC Representative, elected to represent the voice of thousands of Division III student-athletes across our 13 member institutions. Our conference is entirely within Minnesota giving me the privilege of representing student-athletes all within the same state.

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 Augsburg University, Bethel University, Carleton College, Concordia College, Gustavus Adolphus College, Hamline University, Macalester College, College of Saint Benedict, St. Catherine University, Saint John's University Saint Mary's University, St. Olaf College, College of St. Scholastica, 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 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference,

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