



**Joint Statement of Support from the
NCAA Division I, II, and III Student-Athlete Advisory Committees**

Dear Members of Congress,

The NCAA Division I, II, and III SAACs strongly support the Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements Act (SCORE Act) as a critical step in protecting student-athletes' rights, opportunities, and well-being.

This bill affirms what we know to be true regardless of division: **student-athletes are students first...not employees.** We fully support the provision that preserves our non-employment status while still expanding access to NIL opportunities, agent representation, privacy protections, financial transparency, medical care, degree completion, and vital health, safety, and educational resources. By promoting fairness, ensuring consistent national standards, and prioritizing the holistic development of student-athletes, the SCORE Act reflects a modern, student-centered approach to college athletics.

We are proud to endorse this legislation on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of student-athletes we represent. Student-athletes have been waiting, now is your chance to stand with us and move this forward.

"Division I student-athletes *need* this legislation. The SCORE Act brings college athletics into the modern era while preserving its foundation—student-athletes. It recognizes the fast-changing realities we face and responds with protections that are long overdue. We are not employees; we are students first, and this bill reinforces that truth while giving us the tools to succeed in a complex new landscape. To compete, grow, and lead in today's environment, we need clarity, consistency, and real support. The SCORE Act doesn't just acknowledge that...it delivers. This isn't just timely...it's essential."

- Meredith Page, DI SAAC Chair

"Division II student-athletes support the SCORE Act because it creates a clear, nationwide NIL standard that replaces the confusing patchwork of state laws. We strongly agree with its protection of our status as students, not employees, and we believe it preserves the integrity of college athletics by enabling the NCAA to uphold fair rules with appropriate antitrust protections. This bill reflects what we've consistently advocated for: clarity, consistency, and the ability to pursue academics and athletics at the highest level."

- Avery Hellmuth, DII SAAC Chair

"In Division III, where athletic scholarships aren't offered, student-athletes prioritize being fully involved students rather than being viewed as employees. We support the SCORE Act as it focuses on addressing the challenging NIL landscape, allows intercollegiate athletic associations to better monitor NIL deals, promotes health and safety for student-athletes, and, most importantly for Division III, it protects our amateur status. Division III institutions cannot afford to have student-athletes as employees, nor do we view ourselves as such. This bill allows us to continue to be students first with a more stable NIL environment."

- Lillian Case, DIII SAAC Chair

Sincerely,
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