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The Honorable Lois Frankel United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Frankel,

I am writing to express our University's strong support for the bipartisan Supporting Our Country's Retired Athletes Act (SCORE Act, H.R. 4312), and to respectfully urge you to consider cosponsoring and voting in favor of this important legislation as it advances to the House floor.

The SCORE Act effectively addresses three core priorities that are critical to the future of college athletics: ensuring that student-athletes are not classified as employees of their institutions, preempting a growing patchwork of conflicting state laws, and providing liability protection to colleges and universities. These priorities reflect the voices and advocacy of student-athlete leaders across all three NCAA divisions.

In addition, the SCORE Act works in tandem with ongoing NCAA reforms to offer student-athletes meaningful protection and opportunities. The bill provides comprehensive health and safety standards, ensures the right of student-athletes to enter into name, image, and likeness (NIL) agreements, and establishes safeguards against predatory agents. Taken together, these measures represent a significant step forward in recognizing and supporting student-athletes, while preserving the unique character of collegiate athletics.

The legislation was recently passed out of the House Energy & Commerce Committee and the Education & Workforce Committee with bipartisan support. As House leadership considers it for a full vote, we believe the bill deserves strong consideration and support from your office.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Warmly.

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