

## MEMORANDUM

September 8, 2025

TO: The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member, House Committee on Energy & Commerce
The Honorable Tim Walberg, Chairman, House Committee on Education and Workforce
The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, Ranking Member, House Committee on Education & Workforce
The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary
The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, House Committee on Judiciary

FR: Greg Sankey, Commissioner

RE: SEC Endorsement of the SCORE Act

As senior leaders of the sixteen members universities of the Southeastern Conference, we write to express our enthusiastic support of the Student Compensation & Opportunity Through Rights and Endorsements (SCORE) Act. The SCORE Act codifies key provisions of the historic *House v. NCAA* settlement that provide greatly enhanced benefits through revenue sharing with student-athletes and protecting their rights to monetize their name, image and likeness (NIL). The SCORE Act also provides the needed stability in college sports by creating a uniform, national standard for reasonable NIL regulation and eliminating the patchwork of differing state NIL laws intended to create competitive advantages for universities located within a given state.

We are greatly encouraged by the growing bipartisan support of the SCORE Act and the widespread agreement among members of Congress that college sports is a uniquely American institution worth fighting to preserve. The SCORE Act protects the educational mission of college athletics and the ability of universities to sponsor a broad offering of sports programs in a number of ways including by prohibiting student-athletes from being deemed employees of their institutions and by requiring institutions to sponsor a minimum of 16 varsity sports programs. The Act's inclusion of a reasonable, common limit on revenue sharing with student-athletes also is critical to protecting non-revenue and Olympic sports. The SCORE Act protects student-athletes by creating a set of guaranteed core rights that include guaranteed health care and degree completion programs after their college careers have ended. Finally, the Act protects lower-resourced institutions by exempting schools with athletic revenues less than \$20 million from several of the mandates in the bill.

The SCORE Act enshrines the groundbreaking economic benefits of the historic settlement and provides additional rights and protections for student-athletes. Now is the time to restore stability in college sports, and we urge Congress to pass the SCORE Act to secure the future of college sports.



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