



Western Athletic Conference – Student Athlete Advisory Committee

To:

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Dear Esteemed members of The House of Representatives

My name is Alexis Bull, and I am an NCAA Division I women's volleyball student-athlete at The University of Texas at Arlington. I currently serve as President of our institution's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and have the honor of representing the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) as the Division I SAAC Representative. In this role, I advocate for and amplify the voices of student-athletes across member institutions in Texas, Utah, and California.

As a Representative of the Western Athletic Conference support several provisions in the Student Compensation and Opportunity Act through the Rights and Endorsements Act (SCORE Act). For example, the bill reinforces a fundamental truth: student athletes are students, not employees. The Western Athletic Conference also supports the provisions that would broaden our access to NIL opportunities, establish a consistent NIL standard nationwide, bring transparency to agent representation, privacy safeguards and financial transparency.

As a current NCAA Division I student-athlete, I would not be who I am today without the unwavering support of the staff behind me. These individuals—academic advisors, athletic trainers, life skills coordinators—are far more than their titles. They are mentors, advocates, and often serve as our family away from home, guiding us through every challenge and milestone. Their impact extends far beyond athletics, helping us grow into successful students, confident leaders, and prepared professionals. Whether it is academic support, mental health services, or career development, they invest in our success in ways that often go unnoticed. The resilience, time management, and leadership skills we develop are shaped just as much by our support staff as by our coaches. Preserving these relationships and resources is essential to the holistic student-athlete experience, and I am profoundly grateful for the foundation they have helped me build for life beyond sport.

I am especially thankful for the opportunities I have had as a student-athlete at UT Arlington. But I also recognize how vital it is to ensure that future student-athletes—at both Power 4 institutions and non-Power 4 schools—continue to have the chance to earn Division I athletic

scholarships. This includes not only revenue-generating sports like football and basketball, but also Olympic sports, which often operate on smaller budgets yet still deliver unforgettable experiences and life-changing opportunities. Schools like those in the Western Athletic Conference may not generate the same revenue as the larger programs, but they remain deeply committed to creating a meaningful and impactful student-athlete experience.

That's why we believe the protections around scholarships, extended medical benefits, and degree completion are especially important. These provisions show that schools are being encouraged to care for and support their athletes not just during their eligibility, but beyond it. It's a powerful message—that we matter as people, not just as performers on the court or field. We also want to highlight the importance of financial literacy. Personally, I feel like I don't know enough about how to manage my money, and I not only need to learn—I *want* to learn. College is about preparing for our futures, and understanding finances is a huge part of that. Giving student-athletes the tools to build a strong financial foundation would benefit us for years to come.

Overall, the SCORE Act represents a chance for schools to prioritize us as individuals. When institutions provide resources beyond our sport—like academic support, life skills, and career development—they help us prepare for life after athletics. I understand that implementing these resources will cost money, but this is an investment that would benefit all of us. Sports don't last forever, but we do—from day one to the very end. The opportunities and relationships we build during this time shape who we are, and we are the future.

Thank you for your time and dedication to improving college athletics.

Kindest regards,

As the representative of the Western Athletic Conference SAAC,

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