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February 18, 2026

Mr. Jim Tooley
Chief Executive Officer
USA Basketball
27 South Tejon Street, Suite 100
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Dear Mr. Tooley:

I write to confirm whether USA Basketball is ensuring fairness and safety in women's sports by guaranteeing that only women (biological females) compete in women's divisions, and to assess your organization's compliance with the updated eligibility requirements set forth in the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee's (USOPC's) Athlete Safety Policy.¹

I have consistently championed fairness and safety in women's sports, particularly in the lead up to this year's Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy, and the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California. Moreover, in February 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14201, *Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports*, which made it the policy of the United States that women's sports are for women, not men (biological males).²

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Finnigan on my Committee staff at thomas_finnigan@commerce.senate.gov.

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Chief Executive Officer
USA Pentathlon
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Charlotte, NC 28223

Dear Mr. Montford:

I write to confirm whether USA Pentathlon is ensuring fairness and safety in women's sports by guaranteeing that only women (biological females) compete in women's divisions, and to assess your organization's compliance with the updated eligibility requirements set forth in the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee's (USOPC's) Athlete Safety Policy.¹

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USA Gymnastics
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

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February 18, 2026

Mr. Bill Goren
Chief Executive Officer
USA Rugby
501 S. Cherry Street, Suite 100
Glendale, CO 80246

Dear Mr. Goren:

I write to confirm whether USA Rugby is ensuring fairness and safety in women's sports by guaranteeing that only women (biological females) compete in women's divisions, and to assess your organization's compliance with the updated eligibility requirements set forth in the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee's (USOPC's) Athlete Safety Policy.¹

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Sincerely,



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 USA Field Hockey
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 Colorado Springs, CO 80920

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Mr. JT Batson
Chief Executive Officer & Secretary General
U.S. Soccer
303 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60601

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USA Football
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

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February 18, 2026

Mr. Paul Seiler
Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer
USA Baseball
280 Brooks Park Lane, Suite 200
Cary, NC 27519

Dear Mr. Seiler:

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Mr. Andy Levinson
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One World Golf Place
St. Augustine, FL 32092

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 USA Softball
 2801 NE 50th Street
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February 18, 2026

Mr. Dean Gemmell
 Chief Executive Officer
 USA Curling
 7500 Golden Triangle Drive, Suite C09
 Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Dear Mr. Gemmell:

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