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## United States Senate

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February 18, 2026

Mr. Jim Tooley  
Chief Executive Officer  
USA Basketball  
27 South Tejon Street, Suite 100  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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.<sup>1</sup>

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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](mailto:thomas_finnigan@commerce.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer  
USA Pentathlon  
9319 Robert D Snyder Rd., Suite 416  
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.<sup>1</sup>

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Mr. Kyle Albrecht  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
USA Gymnastics  
1099 N. Meridian St., Suite 800  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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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.<sup>1</sup>

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Executive Director  
USA Field Hockey  
3578 Hartsel Drive, Unit E, PMB 354  
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

Dear Mr. Batson:

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Indianapolis, IN 46204

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February 18, 2026

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

Dear Mr. Levinson:

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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](mailto:thomas_finnigan@commerce.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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Mr. Craig Cress  
Chief Executive Officer  
USA Softball  
2801 NE 50th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Dear Mr. Cress:

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

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February 18, 2026

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President  
USA Diving  
9801 Fall Creek Road #412  
Indianapolis, IN 46256

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Mr. Ted Morris  
 Executive Director  
 US Speedskating  
 5662 South Cougar Lane  
 Kearns, UT 84118

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Mr. Scott Riewald  
Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director  
USA Luge  
57 Church Street  
Lake Placid, NY 12946

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February 18, 2026

Ms. Sophie Goldschmidt  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
U.S. Ski & Snowboard  
1 Victory Lane, Box 100  
Park City, UT 84060

Dear Ms. Goldschmidt:

I write to confirm whether U.S. Ski & Snowboard 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.<sup>1</sup>

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