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Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell,

Thank you for your leadership and for the considerable work that has gone into developing the Protect College Sports Act of 2026. I appreciate the time, attention, and collaboration devoted to advancing a thoughtful legislative framework for college athletics during a period of significant change.

As the commissioner of the Big 12 Conference I write to express support for the Protect College Sports Act of 2026 and to commend the bipartisan effort to establish a more consistent national framework for college athletics. This legislation reflects an important commitment to and a good foundation for greater stability, clearer standards, and meaningful protections for student-athletes.

I appreciate your leadership on this important effort and welcome continued engagement with you and other stakeholders as it advances in the Senate. Through continued collaboration, I am confident we can further refine this legislation in a manner that best serves our student-athletes, member institutions, and the long-term future of college athletics.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner



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