



June 2, 2026

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
167 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Cruz and Cantwell:

On behalf of Duke University, we thank you for your leadership in support of collegiate athletics and for introducing the Protect College Sports Act of 2026.

Duke University sponsors 27 varsity sports and competes at the NCAA Division I level as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Our athletics program is committed to excellence in competition, academics, and service, providing student-athletes with opportunities to succeed both on the field and in the classroom.

The Protect College Sports Act represents an important step toward establishing a more stable and sustainable framework for college athletics. By addressing key challenges facing the current landscape, the legislation will help preserve educational opportunities, strengthen competitive integrity, and better support the long-term success and well-being of student-athletes nationwide.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to working with you and your colleagues as the legislation advances.

Sincerely,

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Vincent E. Price, PhD  
President

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Nina King  
Vice President and King-Compton Families Director of Athletics