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The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation
United States Senate
167 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of Florida International University (FIU), our over 400 student-athletes and the thousands of student-athletes nationwide who benefit from the opportunities afforded by intercollegiate athletics, I would like to thank you for your leadership introducing the Protect College Sports Act and for taking the time to engage directly with university presidents from across the country as you champion this important legislation.

For generations, college athletics has served as a gateway to opportunity, opening doors to higher education, personal growth, and economic mobility for student-athletes across the country. Like a college degree itself, participation in intercollegiate athletics can be a pathway to the American Dream. We appreciate your commitment to engaging higher education leaders as Congress works to establish a durable framework for the future of collegiate athletics.

As one of the nation's largest public universities, FIU is proud to help thousands of students pursue that dream through academic and athletic achievement. Intercollegiate athletics plays an important role in our mission. From the excitement and pride generated on game day to the degrees, skills, and opportunities that prepare student-athletes for successful careers long after their time on the field or in the arena has ended, college athletics remains a powerful extension of the educational experience. As the collegiate athletics landscape continues to evolve, institutions, student-athletes, and conferences would benefit from a clear and consistent national framework that protects student-athletes, promotes fair competition, preserves educational opportunity, and provides long-term stability for colleges and universities across the country.

We appreciate your efforts to establish greater certainty and consistency in an increasingly complex collegiate athletics environment. The legislation's focus on student-athlete protections, scholarship security, medical coverage, NIL opportunities, transfer and eligibility standards, and a uniform national framework addresses many of the issues that universities, conferences, and student-athletes have navigated in recent years. The thoughtful dialogue you facilitated with university

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leaders reflects a commitment to understanding the challenges and opportunities facing student-athletes and institutions nationwide.

As discussions continue, FIU stands ready to support your efforts to bring together universities, conferences, and other stakeholders in shaping the future of collegiate athletics. Through FIU's statewide partnerships, we can assist in convening Florida's colleges and universities, while our Washington, D.C. Center – located just minutes from the United States Capitol – provides a recognized venue in higher education to engage stakeholders from across the country.

Thank you again for your service, leadership, and commitment to strengthening opportunities for student-athletes and preserving the educational mission that defines intercollegiate athletics.

Sincerely,



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President