

June 14, 2026

Delivered via electronic mail

Dear Senator Cruz,

We as student-athletes of the Mid-American Conference (MAC) stand firm in our support on the Protect College Sports Act (PCSA) of 2026. We believe that this bill solidifies the integrity of collegiate athletics in all sports.

This bill allows for the stability and safeguards of student-athletes' earned privileges and fair competition that we have been asking for. This bill provides protection for student athletes of all levels on major issues: NIL, eligibility, transfers, injuries, representation, safety, and academics. While the PCSA remains specifically neutral on the student-athlete non-employment status issue, we understand that the topic is intricate and needs more time to be addressed in the future. However, this neutrality does not negate the need for the NCAA and student-athletes to have the ability to operate effectively within academic standards, eligibility and transfer status regulations. The PCSA will ensure that these standards can be administered consistently and fairly without the concern of litigation or court intervention arising from dissatisfaction with a particular outcome.

The PCSA enforces the protection of individuals and aims to create an environment for growth in all aspects of student-athletes' lives. The PCSA helps provide opportunities and protection for student-athletes while managing the issue of unfair competition and wild expectations. Additionally, the PCSA helps to promote all NCAA conferences through the updates in the Sports Broadcasting Act of 1961, which will permit a voluntary-based media-rights framework that encourages the support of a broader selection of collegiate sports and conferences through a potential new revenue opportunity.

As stated in our previous comments, being a student-athlete extends beyond the field of competition. MAC student-athletes seek the collegiate experience that provides the opportunity of playing the sport we love while pursuing our degree and preparing for our future career off the field of play. The framework of this Act enables the growth of student-athletes through the protection of educational opportunities, leadership experiences, and developmental resources that are afforded to us as student athletes. The PCSA helps ensure that student-athletes continue to have opportunities for growth and development while upholding fairness and integrity that are essential to collegiate competition.

We, the MAC Council of Student-Athletes, officially share our support of the Protect College Sports Act as it is a necessary step to create stability for the NCAA to continue providing opportunities to student-athletes like us. We look forward to the opportunity to continue to engage with you and your staff regarding the collegiate student-athlete experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our perspective.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE COUNCIL OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

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Bowling Green	Mackenzie Krafcik	Softball	
Bowling Green	Bryce Weber	M. Cross Country/Track & Field	
Buffalo	Ava Kanj	Volleyball	
Buffalo	Lonnell Owens	Wrestling	
Central Michigan	Paige Sayler	Softball	
Central Michigan	Gracie Merrick	W. Cross Country/Track & Field	
Eastern Michigan	Mill Coleman	M. Cross Country/Track & Field	
Eastern Michigan	Marley Helton	W. Lacrosse	
Kent State	Ayden Bath	M. Track & Field	
Kent State	Dani Fuertez	Gymnastics	
UMASS	Callen Powers	Baseball	
UMASS	Rylee Davis	W. Cross Country/Track & Field	
Miami	Caroline Kagy	W. Track & Field	
Miami	Raegan Lantz	Volleyball	
Ohio	Mia Scheulen	Field Hockey	
Ohio	Reece Savage	W. Track & Field	
Toledo	Troy Sudbrook	Baseball	
Toledo	Olivia Gang	W. Cross Country/Track & Field	
Western Michigan	JR Hays	Football	
Western Michigan	Ana Niles	Softball	