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**National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) and National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) Statement on the Protect College Sports Act:**

The National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) and National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) appreciate the bipartisan effort that has gone into developing the Protect College Sports Act from Senators Cruz, Cantwell, Schmitt, and Coons, and believe that the bill includes several important provisions designed to protect college athletes, including guaranteeing NIL rights and providing medical and healthcare benefits. We encourage continued meaningful stakeholder engagement and negotiations to further strengthen the bill as it moves through Congress to ensure college athletes are protected and empowered.