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Dear Senators Cruz, Cantwell, Schmitt and Coons

As Presidents, Chancellors, current and former Board Chairs and governing Board Members of colleges and universities across the United States, we write to express our enthusiastic support for the Protect College Sports Act of 2026 and its comprehensive effort to reform college athletics.

Intercollegiate athletics are an essential ingredient in our educational mission, providing over 550,000 student-athletes annually with unparalleled opportunities for academic achievement, leadership development, social mobility and lifelong success. The current fragmented state-by-state system has only produced confusion, compliance challenges, competitive imbalance and financial distress. Thoughtful and comprehensive reform, such as the Protect College Sports Act of 2026, will provide much needed stability while preserving access, opportunity and increased revenue, as well as underscoring the values that distinguish collegiate athletics and make our academic mission the envy of the world.

As a group, we live in the world of higher education daily. We recognize the complexity of these issues and appreciate your leadership in pursuing a comprehensive, balanced, bipartisan and durable framework. The United States remains the only country in the world whereby a young adult can attain a world class education and compete at the highest level of athletics. We stand ready to work with you and key stakeholders to ensure that the Protect College Sports Act of 2026 is passed and reflects our academic mission and the needs of student-athletes and sustains the long-term vitality of college athletics nationwide.



Thank you for your dedicated work and continued commitment to higher education and intercollegiate athletics.

Sincerely,

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