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The Honorable Ted Cruz
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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
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Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

I write to express appreciation and support for your work on the bipartisan Protect College Sports Act of 2026. This legislation is a major step forward towards stabilizing the college athletics landscape that has been rapidly changing over the past several years.

While there are many provisions in this legislation that will move intercollegiate athletics forward while protecting student athletes, I want to highlight a few that are particularly important. Student athletes will benefit from the provisions regarding agents, which provide for registration, a cap on fees, and establishes a cause of action of student-athletes in response to violations by agents. In addition, the legislation would preempt state and local laws on name, image and likeness to ensure that athletes in one part of the country are no longer treated differently than athletes in other parts of the country. Every intercollegiate athlete would be permitted to benefit from their name, image, and likeness under a uniform standard. Limited antitrust provisions would be established to allow the NCAA to enforce rules intended to support the student-athlete experience

The NCAA and colleges and universities cannot solve these and other issues alone. A federal solution is necessary, and the Protect College Sports Act of 2026 helps provide stability while at the same time providing meaningful protection for student-athletes.

Thank you again for your leadership on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Timothy D. Sands'.

Timothy D. Sands
President