



Office of the President

Susan R. Wente, Ph.D.
President

June 11, 2026

The Honorable Thom Tillis
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ted Budd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tillis and Senator Budd:

On behalf of Wake Forest University, we support the bipartisan Protect College Sports Act of 2026 proposed by your colleagues, Senators Cruz and Cantwell.

As one of the state's—and nation's—leading institutions of higher education, Wake Forest University has a proud tradition of excellence in our academics, research, and athletics. As you are aware, a concerning transformation is underway in intercollegiate athletics which has created not only uncertainty, but untenable financial realities for many institutions. Despite well-intentioned efforts by the NCAA and the major FBS conferences, state and federal court rulings and disparate state laws have created a patchwork system that only Congress can address.

We would welcome the opportunity to engage with you and your colleagues to ensure the success of the proposed legislation. We recognize the difficult process of achieving bipartisan consensus and that there is no perfect solution or legislation that can address all of the issues, but we do believe that the Protect College Sports Act of 2026 represents a critical opportunity to provide certainty and stability to the future of intercollegiate athletics.

Thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of all of North Carolina's colleges and universities and for your work in protecting intercollegiate athletics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Susan R. Wente'.

Susan R. Wente, Ph.D.
President
Distinguished University Professor of Biology and Biochemistry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Currie'.

John Currie
Vice President & Director of Athletics

cc: The Honorable Pat Harrigan, United States House of Representatives