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As you are all aware, this is a challenging and unsettled time for intercollegiate athletics. Universities and colleges across the country are working to find ways to successfully manage the sports enterprise at their institutions. At Vanderbilt, we are experiencing the same challenges while navigating an evolving legal and regulatory landscape.

On behalf of Vanderbilt, we want to thank Senators Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty for their votes in support of the Protect College Sports Act. With the PCSA moving from the Senate to the House, we want to take this opportunity to ensure that our congressional leaders are aware of our position on this matter.

We support the bill and are in alignment with the SEC as the House considers the pending legislation:

- We support the Protect College Sports Act and urge its passage in the House when the chamber returns in November.
- The bill is an improvement to the current landscape and helps ALL student athletes across ALL sports by providing clarity, stability, and flexibility for both athletes and institutions Without passage, women's and Olympic sports will be the first to feel the negative consequences.
- The bill's passage is vital in providing a structure that doesn't currently exist in the current landscape and will help stop a trend that is unsustainable for colleges and universities in the future.

Getting to this point has been an arduous journey. Now that the legislation has passed the Senate, we are hopeful we can work with House leadership to prevent any obstacles that would prevent its passage in the House. The law is needed now.

If you have any questions from the Vanderbilt community on this matter, please reach out to our Vice Chancellor for Government and Community Relations, Nathan Green at nathan.green@vanderbilt.edu.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to working with you.

Regards,

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