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Dear Members of Connecticut's Congressional Delegation:

As presidents of colleges and universities across Connecticut, we urge you to support the **Protect College Sports Act (PCSA)** and advance its passage in the House. This bipartisan legislation offers an important opportunity to allow student athletes to be compensated, establish consistent national standards that protect student-athletes, promote competitive fairness, and preserve the educational value of intercollegiate athletics.

College athletics serves students and communities in ways that extend well beyond competition. Yet the current environment of escalating compensation demands, unrestricted movement between programs, inconsistent eligibility standards, and inadequate oversight of athlete representation presents growing challenges—particularly for institutions that lack the substantial financial resources of the largest athletic programs. Without a common national framework, these pressures threaten to diminish opportunities for student-athletes and undermine the long-standing role of college sports in higher education.

The PCSA would address these concerns while providing meaningful benefits to student-athletes. Its provisions include safeguards for health and safety, post-eligibility medical coverage, and assistance with degree completion. The legislation also establishes reasonable transfer and eligibility standards, strengthens protections against deceptive agent practices, creates an agent

registry, and caps agent fees for endorsement contracts. Together, these measures would help young athletes navigate an increasingly complex and financially consequential environment while providing greater predictability for institutions.

Equally important, the bill recognizes that college athletics must remain accessible across a broad range of institutions and sports. Provisions supporting women's and Olympic sports would preserve athletic opportunities beyond the most commercially successful programs. For colleges and universities operating with limited resources, a consistent national framework is essential to managing escalating costs, sustaining diverse athletic offerings, and ensuring that opportunities for student-athletes are not determined solely by an institution's ability to participate in an ever-expanding financial arms race.

The PCSA represents a constructive path forward—one that acknowledges student-athletes' rights while establishing reasonable boundaries, clearer expectations, and stronger protections. We believe its passage would benefit students, strengthen the integrity of college athletics, and help ensure that institutions of varying sizes and missions can continue to provide meaningful opportunities through sport.

We respectfully ask for your support of the Protect College Sports Act as passed by the Senate, without amendments, so that a consistent national framework can be established as soon as possible. We appreciate your consideration and your commitment to the students and institutions that contribute so much to Connecticut's future.

Sincerely,

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