

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Charlie Baker
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National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Dear President Baker:

We write regarding the recent settlement in *House v. NCAA* and its potential impact on women's sports. As you know, this settlement will allow student athletes to profit from their publicity rights through the use of their names, images, and likenesses (NIL)—and for schools to pay athletes directly. The settlement also allocates damages to former student athletes, with sums heavily skewed towards football and men's basketball players. Finally, the settlement changes how the NCAA operates by eliminating scholarship limits and setting roster caps at D1 schools that opt into the agreement.

As lawmakers committed to promoting and protecting women's participation in college sports, we request your responses to the following questions no later than August 30:

1. On February 12, the Trump administration rescinded the Biden administration's Title IX guidance on NIL payments that required equitable distribution between male and female athletes. Some schools have already indicated that they will funnel the majority of their direct payments to male athletes. Will the NCAA encourage schools to allocate direct payments to male and female athletes equitably?
2. Male athletes are likely to continue receiving the bulk of payments from third parties, which may not be bound by Title IX. Will the NCAA refocus its own investments in women's sports to counteract this disparity?
3. The damages allocated to former athletes heavily favor football and men's basketball, providing 90% of the \$2.8 billion sum to players in these sports. The remaining damages are split evenly between women's basketball and all other sports. We understand that former women student athletes have already appealed the damages portion of the settlement. How will the NCAA commit to ensuring damages are distributed in an equitable manner?
4. The NCAA has indicated that the elimination of scholarship limits and the implementation of roster caps will introduce more scholarship opportunities to women athletes. By how much does the NCAA expect these changes to increase overall funding for women's sports at D1 schools?

5. What will the NCAA do to educate athletes—particularly women athletes—about the details of the settlement and the opportunities associated with it, along with the rights they may give up when signing contracts with their schools?

As the *House v. NCAA* settlement is finalized and implemented, we stand ready to work with you to promote equitable opportunity in college athletics for women. We thank you for your attention and look forward to your response.

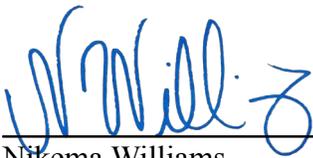
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