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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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20-cv-3919 CW

RE: House vs. NCAA Decision

Dear Judge Wilken,

We are writing as the parents of a Division I "Olympic sport" non-revenue athlete. Our daughter, a freshman at Ohio University within the Mid-American Conference, was a member of the women's soccer team. Unfortunately, due to the roster limitations implemented as part of the proposed settlement in *House v. NCAA* (reducing women's soccer rosters from an average of 32 to 28), she has been informed—in a manner both unceremonious and unnecessarily harsh—that she will no longer have a roster spot for the 2025-2026 season. This decision not only removes her from the team she has dedicated herself to but also significantly impacts her academic and athletic future, as the loss of her roster spot includes the forfeiture of her athletic scholarship, which our family depends on to support her education.

This outcome starkly contrasts with the NCAA's mission statement to provide "a world-class athletics and academic experience for student-athletes that fosters lifelong well-being." The proposed settlement fails to uphold this mission, creating harm for thousands of current student-athletes by eliminating their opportunities, including the loss of scholarships that many families rely on and the diminished morale of athletes who have devoted years of training and commitment to their sports, while disproportionately benefiting a smaller subset of athletes.

For our daughter and thousands of other affected athletes, the collegiate athletic experience represents years of dedication, training, and commitment. Stripping away these opportunities deprives them not only of the chance to compete but also of the personal growth, academic support, and lifelong benefits that come with being part of a team. The disproportionate harm suffered by these athletes highlights a critical failure in the settlement's representation of their interests during negotiations.

We respectfully urge the court to reconsider the terms of this settlement by implementing adjustments that safeguard current rostered athletes in non-revenue sports, such as preserving existing roster sizes or creating alternative funding mechanisms that do not require cutting athletic opportunities. Ensuring equitable treatment for all Division I athletes requires a resolution that protects scholarships, maintains access to competition, and upholds the NCAA's mission of fostering lifelong well-being for all student-athletes. These student-athletes deserve better representation and a resolution that aligns with the principles of fairness and inclusion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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