



RE: DC Council Committee of the Whole Hearing, Uniform College Athlete Name, Image, and Likeness Act Amendment Act of 2025 (B26-175)

September 29, 2025

Chairman Mendelson and members of the Committee of the Whole,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective on the Uniform College Athlete Name, Image, and Likeness Amendment Act of 2025.

As student-athletes at George Washington University, we believe this permanent legislation is an important step forward for college athletics in Washington DC. This bill empowers our university to directly provide Name, Image, and Likeness education, compensation, and support in identifying and securing opportunities. For student-athletes like us, that means we can focus on performing in the classroom and on the court, knowing that GW is equipped to help us maximize our potential right here at home.

Equally as important, this legislation also ensures that universities in the District remain competitive with institutions in other states where these opportunities already exist. Student-athletes can confidently choose to study and compete in DC, knowing we are valued and on equal footing with our peers nationwide. Without it, we risk falling behind in recruiting and retaining top student-athletes.

Passing this bill sends a clear message: Washington DC is the sports capitol of the nation at *all* levels of competition. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Rafael Castro

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Trey Autry

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GW Men's Basketball Student-Athletes