



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Office of the Director
Bloomington

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Indiana Gaming Commission 101 W. Washington Street, East Tower, Suite 1600
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Executive Director Hoage:

Indiana University Athletics is entrusted with the education, development, well-being, and competitive success of our student-athletes. With that responsibility in mind, I write to urge the Commission to prohibit individual proposition bets on college student-athletes in Indiana's sports betting markets, given the harm these bets pose to those interests.

Sports betting has become ingrained in the sports landscape, but not all kinds of betting have the same impact. Bets tied to the performance of a single college athlete carry risks that are less pronounced in team-based betting, placing an individual student-athlete directly at the center of the action. And when a student-athlete's individual performance becomes the object of a bet, that student-athlete may become the target of the harassment and abuse that follow a losing bet, which is amplified by the ease of access that social media provides. One NCAA study found that more than a third of Division I men's basketball players reported betting-related online abuse in the past year.

These bets can create openings to pressure players into altering a single statistic or moment without changing the game's final result—a manipulation that is difficult to detect because the outcome still looks legitimate, which makes student-athletes attractive targets for exactly that kind of pressure. Such bets can also prompt outsiders to seek nonpublic information about injuries or availability, and may tempt student-athletes to provide it, or to bet on their own performance, jeopardizing their eligibility.

A rising national profile is a point of pride, but at a program like ours it may also place our student-athletes at greater risk of this kind of targeting. That risk, layered on top of the concerns above, is why I respectfully urge the Commission to prohibit individual

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proposition bets on college student-athletes, joining the several states—including Ohio, Louisiana, Vermont, and Maryland—that recently made the same change. Doing so would protect these student-athletes, preserve the integrity of the competition, and affirm Indiana's standing as a leader in responsible, well-regulated betting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Dolson', written over a horizontal line.

Scott Dolson
Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

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