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To: Members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Business

From: State Senator James I. Manning, Jr., Senate District 7

Date: February 3, 2022

Subject: SB 1505

Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Business,

My name is James I. Manning, Jr., and I am the Senator for District 7. I am writing as a Co-Chief Sponsor of Senate Bill 1505--the next step in our effort to ensure the fair treatment of college athletes with name, image, likeness legislation.

Our college athletes are at the center of a multi-billion dollar industry that brings joy and unity to millions. And yet, they historically have not had the opportunity or right to profit from their own labor as student athletes. This is wrong. Our student athletes deserve their fair share.

NIL legislation is an economic justice issue. This will be a huge benefit to players who have low-income backgrounds, who have families and/or children to take care of, and who can't take another job because they're so invested in their sport and academics. This bill will give all members of a team the opportunity to earn compensation for their NIL from jerseys, video games, and trading cards. It's not just about the stars--this is about providing opportunity for all of our athletes.

The NCAA has spent years unilaterally profiting off these students, many of whom are Black and from low-income households, and we have an opportunity here to change that. Colleagues, I urge your support on Senate Bill 1505, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator James I. Manning, Jr.
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