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Dear Athlete Ally and the Human Rights Campaign:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the potential impact of state laws on the LGBTQ community participating in or attending NCAA championship events. We continue to share concerns expressed in the letter and by the undersigned organizations.

The Board and I remain committed to maintaining a college sports experience that is inclusive and fair for all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. As the next round of site selections is underway, this commitment has not changed. The bidding process for hosting NCAA events now explicitly asks potential sites how they will provide an environment that is safe, respectful and free of discrimination at the events. We expect that all people will be welcomed and treated with respect at our NCAA championships and events.

We will continue to monitor the situation throughout the country as bids are reviewed.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Emmert". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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