

Vote “**NO**” on the **SCORE Act**

Organizations like the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) boast massive revenues from college athletes’ hard work, while these athletes are often taken advantage of and mistreated. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the NCAA raked in almost \$1.4 billion in revenue, a \$91 million increase from the prior year. In 2023, Division I schools spent over \$3.6 billion on coaches’ salaries, the largest spending category in these schools’ athletic finances.

Meanwhile, the demands on athletes can be immense, from crisscrossing the country for competitions and games to managing injuries to staying on top of their classwork. What’s worse, college athletes can still struggle with food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness. College athletes are understandably looking for ways to address these issues and gain more of a voice.

While we can agree that more should be done to protect college athletes and level the playing field, the *Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements (SCORE) Act*, H.R. 4312, misses the mark. **The SCORE Act hands the NCAA blank checks and bailouts while doing little to uplift or protect college athletes.**

Specifically, the *SCORE Act*:

- Imposes a radical and permanent ban on college athletes (including anyone who receives compensation under the bill) from ever receiving labor and employment rights and protections, including the right to bargain collectively.
- Strips athletes of the ability to protect themselves from new and existing harmful anticompetitive conduct.
- Shields the NCAA and powerful athletic conferences from state and federal liability when they collude to benefit themselves at the expense of college athletes’ education, health, safety, and financial well-being.
- Preempts any state law that may “relate to” issues under the *SCORE Act* and removes any benefits and protections for college athletes. It also removes the savings clause protecting common law claims.
- Prohibits states from adopting future laws to protect college athletes, including laws that limit excessive time demands by their athletic programs.
- Gives the NCAA and other conferences unchecked authority over all aspects of college athletics and invites abuse of that authority by failing to provide federal enforcement authority.
- Fails to address issues of gender equity in college athletics.