

Dear Senator Rarick,
My name is Andrew Bunge from Preston, MN.

I was the track captain for the U of MN in 1977. The 4 years I participated as a student athlete under the tutelage of coach Roy Griak was instrumental in my development as a young man. The class room and athletic experiences that I had were very important in my development and have stayed with me into my adult life.

I was an average student. Had it not been for my athletic ability and Coach Griak encouraging me to attend the University of Minnesota my life would have been very different.

I want future young men to experience something similar to mine in hopes that their life after the University of Minnesota will be even more fulfilling than mine. I'm writing to encourage you to insist that this hearing takes place. I want to see positive movement toward these sports being reintroduced into the proud history of the role my University of Minnesota plays in our states educational and athletic excellence. Anything less is unacceptable.

Please support the upcoming Senate Higher Education Committee Finance and Policy Hearing on February 15, 2022.

Sincerely,

Andrew F. Bunge