

Dear Senator Rarick,

I am contacting you about the poor decision by the University of Minnesota to eliminate Men's Indoor Track and Field, Gymnastics and Tennis. My husband and I are both Gopher Track alumni and M Club members, and our son Kaleb Siekmeier is currently a co-captain on the Men's Outdoor Team (you can read about his achievements here: <https://gophersports.com/sports/mens-track-and-field/roster/kaleb-siekmeier/20026>).

We care deeply about the Men's Track program and were stunned when the University chose to cut the Indoor team. The decision made no sense no matter how you look at it, especially when the athletes that compete indoors are the same athletes that compete outdoors.

We understand that there is a tentative **hearing scheduled for Higher Ed on Feb 15** and **ask you to make sure the hearing takes place**. Our family is keeping a very close eye on this. The track community deserves an opportunity to be heard and wants to see positive movement toward reintroducing all three sports.

Thank you for listening. We appreciate your work on behalf of Minnesotans.

Sincerely,  
Becky and John Siekmeier