

Dear Senators,

My name is Jude Norris and I am a future student at the University of Minnesota. I am also joining the new Minnesota Men's Club Gymnastics team. I am writing to support the public hearing your committee has scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 1 pm to hear testimony regarding the three dropped sports at the University of Minnesota. I have been outraged and incensed since the decision to drop these sports was first proposed by Athletic Director Mark Coyle at the 9/11/20 U of M Board of Regents meeting.

I believe that this is extremely important to the athletes and students of the University because it gives students more opportunity to enjoy their favorite sports at a varsity D1 level.

The hearing on February 15 is extremely important to me, please do not cancel it as I have heard that some are trying to get the hearing canceled.

I plan to attend this hybrid hearing (in-person and/or zoom). I am following very closely what comes next, especially any positive movement toward transparency of the use of taxpayer money for higher education and benefits to student athlete programs (specifically the reinstatement of Men's gymnastics, indoor track, and tennis).

Thank you for your time.