

*Good Morning Senator Rarick,*

*My name is Russell Dabritz and I am a former gymnast for the UofM. 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. This is just part of a domino effect in the end of collegiate men's gymnastics across the country. This has an impact on kids at the local club level and all the way to the USA olympic 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 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.*

*Sincerely,*

*Russ*