

Dear Senator,

I grew up running in Minnesota and it framed who I am. Without the opportunity to reach my potential in high school and college, I would not be where I am today. My coaches guided me, challenged me, and showed me how to expect more from myself as I navigated life as a child of an alcoholic and a broken home. Running grounded me and showed me that I had the potential to live a fruitful life and contribute to society in a career in education.

The University of Minnesota's track team provides similar opportunities and space for a large number of athletes from all backgrounds to succeed. Not to mention the number of Olympians and pro runners that have come from this program. Removing this team from The University of Minnesota would be detrimental to many student-athletes and their future!

The hearing on February 15, 2022, is tentative and I want to make sure that it happens. Please know that I am carefully watching and want to see positive movement toward sports reintroduced.

Sincerely,
Shari Sullivan-Marshall