

Dear Senator Rarick -

My name is Steve Jaciuk and I am a former All-American gymnast who competed for the University of Minnesota. 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. To watch the historic program, which opened countless personal and professional opportunities for me, come to an abrupt halt without any opportunity for revival from University Leadership has left a bitter taste in my mouth.

The hearing on February 15 is extremely important to me as it will allow our voices to be heard. 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.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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