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Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Steering Committee of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics's position in support of Darius Adams's petition. Sexual violence is and continues to be a serious concern to the Association, to our membership, and on our campuses. I appreciate the work of Darius Adams and that of his mother, Brenda Tracy. They have made constructive and compelling contributions to raising awareness and fostering change surrounding this issue.

Know that on August 2, 2014, the Executive Committee (renamed "Board of Governors") issued the "Sexual Violence and Prevention and Complaint Resolution". In it the Executive Committee sets out the expectation that institutions' athletics departments, among other things, must:

- Comply with campus authorities and ensure that all athletics staff, coaches, administrators and student athletes maintain a hostile-free environment for all student athletes regardless of gender or sexual orientation.
- Know and follow campus protocol for reporting incidents of sexual violence.
- Report immediately any suspected sexual violence to appropriate campus offices for investigation and adjudication.
- Educate all student athletes, coaches and staff about sexual violence prevention, intervention and response.
- Assure compliance will all federal and applicable state regulations related to sexual violence prevention and response.

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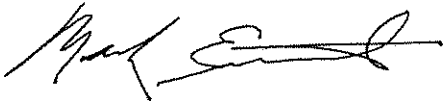
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- Cooperate with but not manage, direct, control or interfere with college or university investigations into allegations of sexual violence, ensuring that investigations involving student-athletes and athletics department staff are managed in the same manner as all other students and staff on campus.

The Board of Governors continues to discuss this matter of great importance. This issue is on the agenda for their upcoming meeting in August. At that time, they will continue to discuss ways to take influential and impactful action to make a difference in this space and positively shape the conversation on sexual violence. I encourage you to speak with your presidents about ways in which the Board of Governors could do this.

Thank you for contacting me and sharing your Steering Committee's decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Emmert', written in a cursive style.

Mark Emmert
President, NCAA

cc: select NCAA staff