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Dear Mr. DePeppe:

Thank you again for testifying at the September 16, 2026, House Committee on Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development hearing titled "Who Gets the Scholarship? How the Global Shift in College Sports Affects Americans." Enclosed is an additional question submitted by a Subcommittee Member following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than October 22, 2026, for inclusion in the hearing record. Your response should be sent to Charlie Hatcher (charlie.hatcher@mail.house.gov) of the Committee staff; he can also be contacted at (202) 225-4527.

We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. Owens", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Burgess Owens
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Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA)

1. According to national data, roughly 8 million American youth compete in high school athletics each year, representing approximately 50% of all high school students. Yet only 500,000, or fewer than 1 in 15 high school athletes, have an opportunity to play competitive university-sponsored sports in college. Far fewer still will earn a scholarship.

At many public universities in the country, less than 2% of the enrollment base is student-athletes. However, the year before they entered college, 50% of all high schoolers were student-athletes, including an estimated 20-30% that were playing competitive club sports.

Have colleges and the NCAA explored expanding competitive opportunities, whether through club-to-varsity pathways, junior varsity intercollegiate leagues, or similar models, so that more of these 8 million young athletes who want to keep competing can do so?