

Dear Chairman Natcher:

We were shocked to learn that the Labor-HEW Subcommittee on Appropriations may consider weakening amendments to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. We wholeheartedly support equal educational rights for both sexes and oppose any weakening of the current law.

Women and girls have become more involved in athletics in the '70's and a lot of this involvement has been due to Title IX. Efforts in support of Title IX have resulted in increased opportunities for women at all levels of sport competition. It has had a positive effect on the quantity and quality of women's sports programs without negatively affecting men's athletic programs.

Much of the concern about Title IX and its relationship to intercollegiate athletics has been generated by a recent draft sports policy interpretation issued by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The enclosed information may be of interest in examining the impact of the proposed policy. Although the sports policy interpretation has not been issued in final form, we feel that the policy, even as proposed, does not warrant any amendments to exempt revenue-producing sports and/or exclude athletics totally from Title IX coverage.

We urge you to oppose any amendments to Title IX.

Sincerely,

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