CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

56th Executive Session

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION 56-03

AN ACT IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROTECT COLLEGE SPORTS ACT (S.4668)

Bill Number: ER 56-03

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Sponsor of Legislation: EXECUTIVE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada (CSUN) represents all 27,000+ undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Nevada Las Vegas**; AND**

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, under the authority of CSUN Constitution VI.D.01, is "empowered to enact any legislation that falls under the jurisdiction of CSUN"**; AND**

WHEREAS, on September 28th, 2026, the United States Senate affirmatively voted for Senate Bill S.4668, The Protect College Sports Act (PCSA)**; AND**

WHEREAS, UNLV is a Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) where many of our student-athletes identify as Black or from other historically marginalized communities, making our institution particularly vulnerable to provisions that restrict athletic compensation**; AND**

WHEREAS, the PCSA grants the NCAA and its member institutions exemptions from federal antitrust law, enabling them to collectively impose compensation caps and restrictions on student-athlete Name,

Image, and Likeness (NIL) earnings, restrictions that would be per se illegal if applied to any other industry or labor sector in the United States**; AND**

WHEREAS, the PCSA fundamentally contradicts free-market economic principles by authorizing wage-fixing and compensation ceilings that are prohibited for every other class of American workers, thereby subjecting student-athletes to unique and discriminatory restrictions on their earning potential**; AND**

WHEREAS, in 2021, following the NCAA v. Alston decision, and increasingly throughout 2022-2023, student-athletes finally secured the right to monetize and receive compensation for their Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL rights), providing economic protections that had been denied for decades despite the commercial exploitation of their labor**; AND**

WHEREAS, student-athletes further secured in 2023-2024 the right to freely transfer between collegiate institutions to pursue better athletic and educational opportunities, creating genuine competition in the collegiate athletics market**; AND**

WHEREAS, the PCSA attempts to restrict these newly-won protections by imposing compensation caps and limiting NIL earnings through NCAA price-fixing, causing substantial financial losses to student-athletes across the nation and at UNLV**; AND**

WHEREAS, A study from the National College Players Association, *How the NCAA's Empire Robs Predominately Black Athletes of Billions in Generational Wealth,* showed that restrictions on NIL compensation disproportionately harm Black student-athletes and student-athletes from other underrepresented communities who rely on these earnings to cover educational expenses, reduce student debt, and build generational wealth**; AND**

WHEREAS, the PCSA includes legal protections and provides certainty to major athletic institutions and the NCAA while systematically excluding student-athletes, those most affected by these provisions, from meaningful input into the framework governing their labor and compensation; **AND**

WHEREAS, no union representing student-athletes was invited to participate in drafting the PCSA, despite the bill altering employment relationships, compensation structures, and labor rights governing collegiate sports, a process that violates foundational principles of stakeholder involvement in labor regulation**; AND**

WHEREAS, Representative Steven Horsford (NV-04), Co-Chair of the Congressional Labor Caucus, stated that "The Protect College Sports Act of 2026 (S.4668) does not go far enough to adequately protect collegiate athletes, their rights to their name, image, and likeness (NIL), and their fundamental right to collective bargaining. The bill as it stands does not adequately resolve the core issues of defining and improving players' control, involvement, and input on the conditions of participating in collegiate athletics"**; AND**

WHEREAS, Representative Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09) and the Congressional Black Caucus have formally opposed the PCSA, citing its disproportionate harm to Black athletes and its failure to include meaningful athlete representation in its drafting and implementation**; AND**

WHEREAS, policies that disproportionately restrict the earning potential and economic opportunity of Black athletes and athletes from marginalized communities while simultaneously providing legal protections and certainty to predominantly white institutional power structures reflect a pattern of structural economic discrimination**; AND**

WHEREAS, the PCSA's antitrust exemptions for the NCAA are a departure from fundamental antitrust principles, creating an arrangement that would be illegal in every other industry and labor market in the United States**; AND**

WHEREAS, by restricting student-athlete compensation and providing antitrust immunity to restrict these athletes' earning power, the PCSA is exploitative, anti-free market, and selectively discriminatory toward the most disenfranchised collegiate student-athletes in Nevada and across the nation**; AND**

WHEREAS, many of our student-athletes are so thoroughly occupied, consumed, and inundated with the day-to-day demands of collegiate sports and academic studies that they have lacked adequate time to fully analyze and mobilize opposition to the PCSA, making it our government's duty to bring forward these concerns on their behalf**;**

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED: that the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada formally and unequivocally oppose the Protect College Sports Act (S. 4668) as currently written and passed by the United States Senate**; AND**

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: that CSUN calls upon UNLV administration, the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), and Nevada's House members to**:**

1. Formally oppose the PCSA and to explicitly reject the bill's underlying premise that restricting student-athlete compensation is necessary or justified;
2. Advocate for alternative legislation that preserves and expands the NIL rights and transfer portal protections student-athletes have recently secured, and that includes genuine student-athlete representation in any regulatory frameworks governing collegiate athletics;
3. Conduct a formal equity analysis of how PCSA provisions would impact UNLV student-athletes, with particular attention to disparate impacts on Black athletes and athletes from other marginalized communities**; AND**

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: that a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to The entire UNLV undergraduate student body via email and CSUN channels, posted in three prominent on-campus locations and sent to the following officials**:**

- U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto (NV)
- U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen (NV)
- U.S. Congresswoman Dr. Dina Titus (NV-01)
- U.S. Congressman Mark Amodei (NV-02)
- U.S. Congresswoman Susie Lee (NV-03)
- U.S. Congressman Steven Horsford (NV-04)
- NSHE Board of Regents

- NSHE Chancellor Matt McNair
- NSHE Vice Chancellor of Government Relations Jason Frierson
- NSHE Vice Chancellor of Budget and Finance and Chief Financial Officer Brody Leiser
- NSHE Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Gwen Sharp
- UNLV Interim President Dr. Chris Heavey
- UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Lakshmi Reddi
- UNLV Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer Chris Viton
- UNLV Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Keith Rogers
- UNLV Vice President of Government and Community Engagement Dr. Constance Brooks Johnson; and
- UNLV Director of Athletics Erick Harper

ADDENDUM A

Congressional Labor Caucus Statement

ADDENDUM B

Congressional Black Caucus Statement

ADDENDUM C

Nation College Players Association Statement

ER 56-03, ADOPTED by the Senate on

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Sharon Flores, Senate President

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Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

ER 56-03, APPROVED on

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