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THE HONORABLE LORI TRAHAN, Congresswoman for Massachusetts’ Third District. The first in her family to graduate college, she earned a scholarship to play Division 1 volleyball at Georgetown University where she was introduced to public service as a college student in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the powerful House Committee on Energy and Commerce, working to expand access to affordable, quality health care, tackle climate change, protect kids online, fight disinformation, and more. She is leader in the House on intercollegiate athletics issues, currently sponsoring H.R. 850, the College Athlete Economic Freedom Act (the focus of this session) and co-sponsoring H.R. 3895, the College Athlete Right to Organize Act and H.R. 7336, the Gender Equity in College Sports Commission.



The Honorable TOM McMILLEN is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the LEAD1 Association, which represents the athletic directors and programs of the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision; former three-term Congressman from the Fourth District of Maryland, the first and only active professional athlete to run for Congress; member of Board of Overseers of the U.S. Military Academy; member of the Board of Regents, University of Maryland; Rhodes Scholar with a Bachelor and Master of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from Oxford University; played eleven years in the NBA.



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