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**MIKIE SHERRILL**

**United States Representative**

**11<sup>th</sup> District of New Jersey**

***Honoring an elected public official responsible for advancing legislation that would significantly improve the conduct of intercollegiate athletic programs, enhance the rights of college athletes, or otherwise protect their education, health and safety.***

In recognition of your persistence and work during the 118<sup>th</sup> session of Congress, to advance **House Concurrent Resolution 54** expressing the sense of Congress that Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 applies to the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) and that the NCAA should work to prevent discrimination on the basis of sex in its programs and activities. Further, to recognize your sponsorship of **H.R. 2532 – The Women in NCAA Sports (WINS) Act** that would establish a Commission on Men’s and Women’s Fairness in College Sports that would comprehensively study equality in the NCAA’s operation of tournaments and other programs for which there are men’s and women’s divisions.

The WINS Act brings public attention to the fact that for decades, the NCAA has prioritized men’s sports over women’s sports programs, created, normalized, and perpetuated fundamental inequities between their men’s and women’s programming, and ignored, rejected, or inadequately implemented key recommendations from its own external review that identify and would prevent or address these inequities.

The WINS Act proposes a blue-ribbon bipartisan commission appointed by House and Senate leadership to conduct a transparent and comprehensive review of NCAA operations and produce recommendations that would result in greater accountability and sustained progress toward the end of ensuring that all student-athletes are afforded the same experience in college athletics, regardless of sex.