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U.S. Department of Education  
Office of the Chief Information Officer  
550 12th Street, SW, PCP, 9th Floor, Room 9148  
Washington, DC 20202-4750  
Attn: FOIA Officer

Re: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of the College Sports Council ("CSC") and its members, we hereby request the documents identified below under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the Department of Education's implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. pt. 5.

Specifically, we request copies of the internal and external correspondence between Department of Education staff, the General Accounting Office (subsequently renamed Government Accountability Office and hereinafter "GAO"), GAO staff, members of Congress, congressional staff, federal agencies, and nongovernmental organizations that concern or relate to two GAO reports: (1) *Gender Equity: Men's and Women's Participation in Higher Education* (GAO-01-128, Dec. 15, 2000); and (2) *Intercollegiate Athletics: Four-Year Colleges' Experiences Adding and Discontinuing Teams* (GAO-01-297 Mar. 8, 2001). We believe that most if not all correspondence would involve the Department's Office of Civil Rights. Because the requested documents may relate to ongoing litigation, we copy the government's attorney, Joseph LoBue, at the U.S. Department of Justice.

We agree to pay the reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A). Please provide me with prior notice in the event that you determine that such fees will exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00). If you anticipate any difficulty in complying with this request within the required time limit, please advise me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above with any questions.

Yours, sincerely,



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cc: Joseph LoBue, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice (via email)