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Chairman Heinert and members of the committee, I urge you to vote Due Pass on House Bill 1491.

The NDHSAA has openly admitted that they do not conduct these eligibility checks for every athlete—only for so-called "elite" athletes. If these rules were truly about fairness, they should apply equally to all students, not just a select few. After reviewing the NDHSAA bylaws, I found no clear definition of what qualifies as an "elite" athlete. Who decides this? What criteria are used, and why is it not transparently outlined? This inconsistency raises serious concerns about fairness and accountability.

If we are to ensure an equitable system for all student-athletes, this bill is a necessary step forward.

Thank you for your time,

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