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Dear NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport, Sports Science Institute and Office of Inclusion:

We, the undersigned members of the swimming community, support and welcome transgender and nonbinary athletes in our sport.

With this letter, we express our support for Lia Thomas, and all transgender college athletes, who deserve to be able to participate in safe and welcoming athletic environments. We urge you to not allow political pressure to compromise the safety and wellbeing of college athletes everywhere.

We ask the following: 1) do not adopt USA Swimming's current policy mid-season; 2) establish clear and consistent guidelines for developing and adopting new eligibility policies, and ensure those policies are adopted and communicated well in advance of the season; and 3) ensure that transgender and nonbinary athletes are directly engaged in the policy development process.

We love swimming for the lifelong, invaluable lessons it has taught us about hard work, discipline, and the power of being part of a team. No one should be denied the opportunity to have their life changed through swimming simply because of who they are.

There are very real, documented threats to women's swimming, including but not limited to [rampant sexual abuse](#), and an [inequitable number of women's coaches](#) within USA Swimming. The NCAA also faces its own deep and historical challenges with gender equity, as outlined in the [detailed report](#) released last year focused on the stark differences between NCAA D1 men's and women's basketball. We can and should address these challenges. Transgender women are not and have never been a part of these challenges to women's swimming, and sidelining them from sport does nothing to protect women athletes.

What makes our sport great is the strength in the diversity of our athletes. No one swimmer is the same. We learn from each other, are inspired by one another, and support one another. We will not be silent as members of our swim community are unfairly targeted by discriminatory policies.

Signed,



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1. Aaron Ach, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
2. Claire Adams, Team USA, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
3. Madeline Alagia, Rhodes College Swimming & Diving
4. Stephanie Amberg, UCLA Swim & Dive, North Bay Aquatics
5. Michael Ambrosio, Goucher College Swimming & Diving
6. Lauren Anderson, American University Swimming & Diving
7. Gail Anderson, Kenyon College Swim & Dive
8. Maddie Annis, Williams College Swimming & Diving
9. Lauren Antonowich, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming
10. Grace Ariola, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
11. Julia Armitage, Brown University Swimming & Diving
12. Macey Arnold, University of North Carolina Swimming & Diving
13. Hannah Aylward, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
14. Cecina Babich, Kenyon College Swim & Dive
15. Jeremy Babinet, University of Michigan Swimming & Diving
16. Schuyler Bailar, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
17. Al Bailey, University of North Dakota Swimming & Diving
18. Abigail Benkert, Cornell University Swimming & Diving
19. Meredith Bergman, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
20. Zachary Bergman, Colby College Swimming & Diving
21. Alyssa Berman, Swarthmore College Swimming
22. Jonathan Bernard, Xavier University Swimming
23. Elizabeth Bernardy, Smith College Swimming & Diving
24. Jessica Blake-West, Brown University Swimming & Diving
25. Madison Blaydes, University of Wisconsin-Madison Swimming & Diving
26. Jordan Blitz, Cornell Swimming & Diving
27. Ellen Bloom, University of Minnesota Swim & Dive
28. Natalie Bodenhamer, Knox College Swimming & Diving
29. Malia Borg, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
30. Jack Boyd, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
31. Lauren Brady, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
32. Jacquelyn Braggin, UC Davis Swimming & Diving
33. Olivia Bray, Team USA
34. Allyson Bremer, Rice University Swimming, USA Swimming
35. Kendall Brent, Yale University Swimming & Diving
36. Kelly Brock, University of Kansas Swimming
37. Mac Brower, Bowdoin College Swimming & Diving



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38. Brigita Burgess, Yale University Swimming & Diving
39. Brigid Burke, East Carolina University Swimming/Diving
40. Savannah Butler, Harvard Swimming & Diving
41. Sarah Campbell, Kenyon College Swim & Dive
42. Kenneth Castro, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
43. Gillian Caverly, Cornell Swimming & Diving
44. Allison Chang, Cornell Swimming & Diving
45. Daniel Chang, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
46. Caroline Chapon, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
47. Michelle Chintanaphol, Yale Swimming
48. Kait Chura, Rice University Swimming
49. Emma Coakley, Team USA (triathlon), University of Louisville Swimming & Diving
50. Lauren Cogar, Knox College Swimming & Diving
51. Cody Conte, SUNY Brockport Swimming & Diving
52. Anna Cook, University of Rochester Swimming & Diving
53. Val Corrente, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Swimming & Diving
54. Izabel Coxfaxo, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
55. Jameson Crandell, Cornell Swimming & Diving
56. Kayde Cross, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
57. Emily Culver, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
58. Miki Dahlke, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
59. Kevin Dai, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
60. Alexis Danchak, American University Swimming & Diving
61. Ren DeBrossd, Kenyon College Swim & Dive
62. Hadley DeBruyn, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
63. Kathryn Didion, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
64. Tyler DiMarco, American University Swimming & Diving
65. Robert Doles, Harvard Swimming
66. Sam Dyer, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
67. Kristi Edleson, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
68. Nathalie Eid, Yale University Swimming & Diving
69. Anastasia Erley, Swarthmore College Swimming
70. Alexandra Ernst, Rice University Swimming
71. Katherine Evans, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
72. Shannon Exley, American University Swimming & Diving
73. Eva Fabian, Team USA, Yale University Swimming & Diving
74. Natalie Fahey, USA Swimming, Southern Illinois University Swimming & Diving



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75. Eleanor Felton, American University Swimming & Diving
76. Liam Fitzgerald, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
77. Emily Fogle, Purdue University Swimming & Diving
78. Sophie Fontaine, Yale University Swimming & Diving
79. Megan Foran, Northeastern University Swimming & Diving
80. Emily Fogel, Purdue University Swimming
81. Luke Foster, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
82. Jennifer Fredsall, University of Utah Swimming & Diving
83. Patrick Frith, Yale University Swimming & Diving
84. Maddy Frost, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
85. Taylor García, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
86. Daniela Georges, University of Arizona Swimming & Diving
87. Karen Gerken, Rice University Swimming
88. Rebekah Getman, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
89. Grace Giddings, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
90. Grant Goddard, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
91. Brandon Goldman, Louisiana State University Swimming & Diving
92. Kara Gordon, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming & Diving
93. Lucy Gramley, US Masters Swimming, Brown University Water Polo
94. Evan Grey, Georgetown University Swimming & Diving
95. Taylor Grey, University of Virginia Swimming & Diving
96. Owen Griffin, Knox College Swimming & Diving
97. Haley Griffin, University of New England Swimming
98. Madeline Groves, Swimming Australia
99. Katie Grover, UCLA Swim & Dive, Swim Atlanta
100. Elaina Gu, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
101. Sofia Guarnieri, University of Rochester Swimming & Diving
102. Vivian Guo, Swarthmore College Swimming
103. Sarah Haase, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
104. Caylee Hamilton, Indiana University, Purdue University, Indianapolis Swimming & Diving
105. Samantha Harding, Team Canada, University of Minnesota Swim & Dive
106. Matti Harrison, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
107. Malak Hassouna, American University Swimming & Diving
108. Eszter Heins, UC San Diego Swimming & Diving
109. Iszac Henig, Yale Swimming
110. Carlo Hensch, Harvard Swimming & Diving



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111. Luca Hensch, Harvard Swimming and Diving
112. Ezren Herzog, Knox College Swimming & Diving
113. Lucas Hess, Brown University Swimming & Diving
114. Erica Hjelle, Team USA, Georgetown University Swimming & Diving
115. Deborah Ho, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
116. Kelsey Hojan-Clark, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
117. Katharine Holmes, Hartwick College Swimming & Diving
118. Katelyn Holmquist, University of Minnesota Swimming
119. Nathan Holty, Ohio State University Swim & Dive
120. Madison Horton, University of Michigan Swimming & Diving
121. Logan Houck, Team USA, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
122. Janet Hu, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
123. Charlotte Hylinski, Yale University Swimming & Diving
124. Laurel Jin, Yale University Swimming & Diving
125. Ellen Johnson, American University Swimming & Diving
126. Olivia Johnson, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
127. Jacob Johnson, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
128. Ryan Jolley, American University Swimming & Diving
129. Leif Jorgensen, St. Olaf College Swim & Dive
130. Wilson Josephson, Carleton College Swimming & Diving, Macalester College
Swimming & Diving
131. Carter Kale, College of William & Mary Swimming
132. Hannah Kannan, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
133. Arik Katz, Team USA, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
134. Artie Kerchmar, Loras College Swimming & Diving
135. Erin Kiley, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
136. Edward Kim, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
137. Lily Koenig, American University Swimming and Diving
138. Delayni Kornak-Kotarba, Wayne State University Swimming & Diving
139. Zack Kundel, Smith College Swimming & Diving
140. Lindsey L'Roy, University of Tennessee Swimming and Diving
141. Karin Langer, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
142. Anisa Lester, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
143. Sian Lewandowki, Macalester Swimming
144. Janelle Lief, Western New England University Swimming
145. Danielle Liu, Yale University Swimming & Diving
146. Zella Lobo, Macalester College Swimming & Diving



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147. Mackenzie Logan, University of Nevada Las Vegas Swim & Dive
148. Connor Lohman, Brown University Swimming and Diving
149. Kennedy Lohman, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
150. Valentina Lohr, Cornell University Swimming & Diving
151. Sarah Magid, Carleton College Swimming
152. John Manchester, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
153. Paul Maneri, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
154. Maddie Mara, American University Swimming & Diving
155. Mackenzie Marrs, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Swimming & Diving
156. Summer Martin, Dartmouth College Swimming & Diving
157. Journey Martinson, Cal Poly Swimming & Diving
158. Zoe Mattingly, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
159. Christine McCulla, United States Coast Guard Academy Swimming
160. Elizabeth McCulla, University of Delaware Swimming & Diving
161. Emma McGill, Seattle University Swimming
162. Abby McLraith, Smith College Swimming & Diving
163. Katie McKay, University of North Carolina Swimming & Diving
164. William McNelis, Brown University Swimming & Diving
165. Kelly Meierotto, University of Alaska Swimming
166. Emily Meilus, Virginia Tech Swimming & Diving
167. Mia Meister, University of New England Swimming
168. Johanna Mellis, College of Charleston Swimming & Diving
169. Briana Meyer, UCLA Swim & Dive
170. Alex Meyers, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
171. Cori Michibata, Johns Hopkins University Swimming
172. Jake Mier, Vassar College Swimming & Diving
173. Annika Miller, Knox College Swimming & Diving
174. Emily Mitchell, Wheaton College Swimming & Diving, EDGE Swim Club
175. Katie Money, Auburn Swimming
176. Luke Morgan-Scott, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
177. Quinn Murphy, Yale University Swimming & Diving
178. Andie Myers, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
179. Jacob Nason, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming & Diving
180. Jenny Natelson, Colorado College Swimming & Diving
181. Elisabeth Nesmith, Smith College Swimming & Diving
182. Matthew Newton, Connecticut College Swimming & Diving
183. William Nicholson, Macalester College Swimming



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184. Melina Nilson, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
185. Mackenzie Niness, Villanova University Swimming & Diving
186. Nicholas Nocita, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
187. Lucie Nordmann, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
188. Annie Norris, Lehigh University Swimming & Diving, Athletes' Executive Committee (AEC) of USA Swimming
189. Kaela Nurmi, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Swimming & Diving
190. Charlotte O'Leary, Yale University Swimming & Diving
191. Claire O'Mara, Yale University Swimming & Diving
192. Ryan O'Neill, Pennsylvania State University Swimming & Diving
193. Courtney Otto, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
194. Addie Paige, Colby College Swimming & Diving
195. Ava Palfreyman, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
196. Jillian Pape, Team USA
197. Julia Papp, Cornell Swimming & Diving
198. Jaehee Park, American University Swimming & Diving
199. Russell Payne, University of Minnesota Swimming
200. Ray Pedersen, Bates College Swimming & Diving
201. David J. Pfeifer, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
202. Lauren Pich, Cornell Swimming & Diving
203. Kaitlyn Pierce, Knox College Swimming & Diving
204. Sofie Pietrantonio, Williams College Swimming & Diving
205. Sophie Piette, University of New England Swimming
206. Lauren Pitzer, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
207. Reid Pope, Brown University Swimming & Diving
208. Katie Priest, Williams College Swimming & Diving
209. Cathleen Pruden, Mount Holyoke College Swimming & Diving
210. Mary Pruden, Columbia University Swimming & Diving
211. Jay Pulitano, Sarah Lawrence College Swimming, Team New York Aquatics
212. Anna Rakowski, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
213. Sofia Rauzi, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
214. Lyndsey Reeve, Pennsylvania State University Swimming & Diving
215. Ginger Ren, Yale University Swimming & Diving
216. Noah Richter, University of Kentucky Swimming & Diving
217. Olivia Rieur, Middlebury Swimming & Diving
218. Amy Roach, Carleton College Swim & Dive Team
219. Kate Rogers, Yale University Swimming & Diving



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220. Lauren Rohde, Swarthmore College Swimming
221. Eric Ronda, Harvard Swimming
222. Isabella Rose, Team USA
223. Charlotte Rosenberg, Brown University Swimming & Diving
224. Olivia Rubino, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
225. Sadie Runeman, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
226. Saya Ryan, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming & Diving
227. G Ryan, Team USA, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
228. Helaina Sacco, Colby-Sawyer College Swimming & Diving
229. Carmen San, University of Miami Swimming & Diving
230. Emily Sanders, Rice University Swimming
231. Mariele Saunders-Shultz, Bucknell University Swimming & Diving
232. Nicholas Schlader, Loras College Swimming & Diving
233. Jon Schlafer, Brown University Swimming & Diving
234. Marly Schrom, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
235. Courtney Schultze, St. Olaf College Swimming & Diving
236. Allison Schumacher, University of Minnesota Swimming & Diving
237. Lauren Schutz, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
238. Deborah Seiler, UC Davis Swimming & Diving
239. Stephanie Shao, Yale University Swimming & Diving
240. Kelly Sherman, Yale University Swimming & Diving
241. Cailley Silbert, Yale University Swimming & Diving
242. Jordan Silbert, Cornell University Swimming & Diving
243. Gabrielle Sims, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
244. Maddy Sims, Northwestern Swimming
245. Ishani Singh, Yale University Swimming & Diving
246. Kendra Sirianni, Loras College Swimming & Diving
247. Breanne Siwicki, University of Minnesota Swimming
248. Delaney Smith, Williams College Swimming & Diving
249. Sean Smith, Rutgers University Swimming & Diving
250. Milana Socha, Carleton College Swimming & Diving, Northwestern University
Swimming & Diving
251. Amy Socha, Tufts University Swim & Dive
252. Gavin Springer, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
253. Amanda Stadermann, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming & Diving
254. Neal Stepp, Texas Christian University Swimming & Diving
255. Leah Stevens, Stanford University Swimming & Diving



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256. Sylvie Stoloff, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
257. Laura Strachan, Swarthmore College Swimming
258. Alyssa Stringer, Knox College Swimming & Diving
259. Jessica Student, Slippery Rock University Swimming
260. Erica Sullivan, Team USA, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
261. Scarlett Sun, Georgetown University Swimming & Diving
262. David Swensen, University of Massachusetts Swimming & Diving
263. Astrid Swensen, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
264. Sarah Swinnerton, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
265. Steve Tan, Harvard Swimming and Diving
266. Hayden Tavoda, UC Berkeley Swimming & Diving
267. Lindsay Temple, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
268. McKenna Tennant, Yale University Swimming & Diving
269. Zach Thomas, Columbia University Swimming & Diving
270. Mikaela Thompson, Harvard Swimming and Diving
271. Ella Tierney, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
272. Grace Tierney, University of Wisconsin-Madison Swimming & Diving
273. Katie Trace, The Ohio State University Swimming and Diving
274. Jack Tribble, University of Minnesota Swimming and Diving
275. Sophia Tsai, Cornell Swimming & Diving
276. Mackenzie Tucker, Swarthmore College Swimming
277. Susannah Tuder, USA Swimming
278. Laura Turpen, Tulane University Swimming & Diving
279. Caitlin Tycz, Yale University Swimming & Diving
280. Arlyn Upshaw, Terrapins Swim Team, UCLA Swimming & Diving
281. Margaret Vaitkus, Northern Michigan University Swimming & Diving
282. Graham Walker, Kenya Swimming Federation, University of Denver Swimming & Diving
283. Eliana Wallock, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
284. Mimi Watts, American University Swimming & Diving
285. Katherine Wehrman, Smith College Swimming & Diving
286. Sarah Welch, Brown Swimming
287. Dani Wheeler, Nebraska Wesleyan Swimming
288. Eric Whisenant, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
289. Morgan Whyte, Carleton College Swimming
290. Aidan Williams, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
291. Demetra Williams, Cornell Swimming & Diving



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292. Kim Williams, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
293. Sarah Wilson, Bowdoin College Swimming & Diving
294. Julia Wilson, Kenyon College Swim & Dive
295. Julie Witczak, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Swimming & Diving
296. Annie Wixted, Swarthmore College Swimming
297. Sebastian Wolff, Cornell Swimming & Diving
298. Emily Woo, Smith College Swimming & Diving
299. Verity Wray-Raabolle, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
300. Cheryl Xiang, Yale University Swimming & Diving
301. Gensi Xu, Knox College Swimming & Diving
302. Maxim Yakubovich, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
303. Christian Yeager, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
304. Samantha Yeo, USA Swimming, Team Singapore, University of Michigan
Swimming/Diving
305. Colten Young, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
306. Valerie Yoshimura, Harvard Swimming and Diving
307. Emily Zhang, George Washington University Swimming
308. Amy Zhao, Yale University Swimming & Diving
309. Grace Zhao, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
310. Maddy Zimmerman, Yale University Swimming & Diving