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February 10, 2022

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



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38. Kendall Brent, Yale University Swimming & Diving
39. Kelly Brock, University of Kansas Swimming
40. Mac Brower, Bowdoin College Swimming & Diving
41. Emma Bulman, Team USA; Clark University Swimming & Diving
42. Brigita Burgess, Yale University Swimming & Diving
43. Brigid Burke, East Carolina University Swimming/Diving
44. Savannah Butler, Harvard Swimming & Diving
45. Sarah Campbell, Kenyon College Swim & Dive
46. Jennifer Fredsall Cantwell, University of Utah Swimming & Diving
47. Gillian Caverly, Cornell Swimming & Diving
48. Allison Chang, Cornell Swimming & Diving
49. Daniel Chang, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
50. Caroline Chapon, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
51. Michelle Chintanaphol, Yale Swimming
52. Kait Chura, Rice University Swimming
53. Kelsey Clary, Clark University Swimming & Diving
54. Emma Coakley, Team USA (triathlon), University of Louisville Swimming & Diving
55. Lauren Cogar, Knox College Swimming & Diving
56. Cody Conte, SUNY Brockport Swimming & Diving
57. Anna Cook, University of Rochester Swimming & Diving
58. Val Corrente, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Swimming & Diving
59. Izabel Cofaxo, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
60. Jameson Crandell, Cornell Swimming & Diving
61. Kayde Cross, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
62. Emily Culver, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
63. Miki Dahlke, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
64. Kevin Dai, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
65. Alexis Danchak, American University Swimming & Diving
66. Ren DeBrossd , Kenyon College Swim & Dive
67. Hadley DeBruyn, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
68. Kathryn Didion, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
69. Tyler DiMarco, American University Swimming & Diving
70. Robert Doles, Harvard Swimming
71. Leif Jorgensen Duus, St. Olaf College Swim & Dive
72. Sam Dyer, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
73. Kristi Edleson, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
74. Nathalie Eid, Yale University Swimming & Diving



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75. Erin Emery, University of Minnesota Swimming & Diving
76. Anastasia Erley, Swarthmore College Swimming
77. Alexandra Ernst, Rice University Swimming
78. Katherine Evans, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
79. Shannon Exley, American University Swimming & Diving
80. Eva Fabian, Team USA, Yale University Swimming & Diving
81. Natalie Fahey, USA Swimming, Southern Illinois University Swimming & Diving
82. Josh Feinberg, Clark University Swimming & Diving
83. Eleanor Felton, American University Swimming & Diving
84. Liam Fitzgerald, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
85. Emily Fogle, Purdue University Swimming & Diving
86. Sophie Fontaine, Yale University Swimming & Diving
87. Megan Foran, Northeastern University Swimming & Diving
88. Emily Fogel, Purdue University Swimming
89. Luke Foster, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
90. Betsy Foy, Macalester Swim and Dive
91. Patrick Frith, Yale University Swimming & Diving
92. Maddy Frost, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
93. Taylor García, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
94. Daniela Georges, University of Arizona Swimming & Diving
95. Rebekah Getman, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
96. Grace Giddings, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
97. Amelia Gilchrist, Brown Swimming and Diving
98. Grant Goddard, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
99. Brandon Goldman, Louisiana State University Swimming & Diving
100. Isabella Goldsmith, UCLA Swimming & Diving
101. Kara Gordon, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming & Diving
102. Lucy Gramley, US Masters Swimming, Brown University Water Polo
103. Evan Grey, Georgetown University Swimming & Diving
104. Taylor Grey, University of Virginia Swimming & Diving
105. Owen Griffin, Knox College Swimming & Diving
106. Haley Griffin, University of New England Swimming
107. Madeline Groves, Swimming Australia
108. Katie Grover, UCLA Swim & Dive, Swim Atlanta
109. Elaina Gu, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
110. Sofia Guarnieri, University of Rochester Swimming & Diving
111. Vivian Guo, Swarthmore College Swimming



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113. Sarah Haase, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
114. Caylee Hamilton, Indiana University, Purdue University, Indianapolis Swimming & Diving
115. Samantha Harding, Team Canada, University of Minnesota Swim & Dive
116. Matti Harrison, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
117. Jenna Harrison-Peters, Clark University Swimming & Diving
118. Malak Hassouna, American University Swimming & Diving
119. Eszter Heins, UC San Diego Swimming & Diving
120. Iszac Henig, Yale Swimming
121. Carlo Hensch, Harvard Swimming & Diving
122. Luca Hensch, Harvard Swimming and Diving
123. Ezren Herzog, Knox College Swimming & Diving
124. Lucas Hess, Brown University Swimming & Diving
125. Erica Hjelle, Team USA, Georgetown University Swimming & Diving
126. Deborah Ho, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
127. Annemily Hoganson, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
128. Kelsey Hojan-Clark, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
129. Katharine Holmes, Hartwick College Swimming & Diving
130. Katelyn Holmquist, University of Minnesota Swimming
131. Nathan Holty, Ohio State University Swim & Dive
132. Madison Horton, University of Michigan Swimming & Diving
133. Logan Houck, Team USA, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
134. Janet Hu, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
135. Charlotte Hylinski, Yale University Swimming & Diving
136. Hailey Jacobson, Brown University Swimming and Diving
137. Laurel Jin, Yale University Swimming & Diving
138. Ellen Johnson, American University Swimming & Diving
139. Olivia Johnson, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
140. Jacob Johnson, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
141. Ryan Jolley, American University Swimming & Diving
142. Wilson Josephson, Carleton College Swimming & Diving, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
143. Carter Kale, College of William & Mary Swimming
144. Hannah Kannan, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
145. Arik Katz, Team USA, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
146. Artie Kerchmar, Loras College Swimming & Diving



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148. Edward Kim, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
149. Soodong Kim, Cornell Swimming and Diving
150. Lily Koenig, American University Swimming and Diving
151. Delayni Kornak-Kotarba, Wayne State University Swimming & Diving
152. Zack Kundel, Smith College Swimming & Diving
153. Lindsey L'Roy, University of Tennessee Swimming and Diving
154. Karin Langer, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
155. Anna Lee, UC Davis Swimming & Diving
156. Anisa Lester, Carleton College Swimming & Diving
157. Jing Leung, Harvard Swimming & Diving
158. Sian Lewandowki, Macalester Swimming
159. Janelle Lief, Western New England University Swimming
160. Danielle Liu, Yale University Swimming & Diving
161. Zella Lobo, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
162. Sydney Lofquist, USC, University of Wisconsin Swimming and Diving
163. Mackenzie Logan, University of Nevada Las Vegas Swim & Dive
164. Connor Lohman, Brown University Swimming and Diving
165. Kennedy Lohman, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
166. Valentina Lohr, Cornell University Swimming & Diving
167. Sarah Magid, Carleton College Swimming
168. Alisha Mah, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
169. John Manchester, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
170. Paul Maneri, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
171. Becca Mann, Team USA, University of Southern California
172. Maddie Mara, American University Swimming & Diving
173. Mackenzie Marris, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Swimming & Diving
174. Summer Martin, Dartmouth College Swimming & Diving
175. Journey Martinson, Cal Poly Swimming & Diving
176. Zoe Mattingly, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
177. Christine McCulla, United States Coast Guard Academy Swimming
178. Elizabeth McCulla, University of Delaware Swimming & Diving
179. Emma McGill, Seattle University Swimming
180. Abby McIlraith, Smith College Swimming & Diving
181. Katie McKay, University of North Carolina Swimming & Diving
182. William McNelis, Brown University Swimming & Diving
183. Kelly Meierotto, University of Alaska Swimming



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184. Emily Meilus, Virginia Tech Swimming & Diving
185. Mia Meister, University of New England Swimming
186. Johanna Mellis, College of Charleston Swimming & Diving
187. Briana Meyer, UCLA Swim & Dive
188. Alex Meyers, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
189. Cori Michibata, Johns Hopkins University Swimming
190. Jake Mier, Vassar College Swimming & Diving
191. Annika Miller, Knox College Swimming & Diving
192. Emily Mitchell, Wheaton College Swimming & Diving, EDGE Swim Club
193. Katie Money, Auburn Swimming
194. Luke Morgan-Scott, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
195. Quinn Murphy, Yale University Swimming & Diving
196. Andie Myers, University of Pennsylvania Swimming & Diving
197. Zoe Myers-Bochner, Swarthmore Swimming
198. Jacob Nason, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming & Diving
199. Jenny Natelson, Colorado College Swimming & Diving
200. Elisabeth Nesmith, Smith College Swimming & Diving
201. Matthew Newton, Connecticut College Swimming & Diving
202. Carmen San Nicolas, University of Miami Swimming & Diving
203. William Nicholson, Macalester College Swimming
204. Melina Nilson, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
205. Mackenzie Ninness, Villanova University Swimming & Diving
206. Nicholas Nocita, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
207. Lucie Nordmann, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
208. Annie Norris, Lehigh University Swimming & Diving, Athletes' Executive Committee (AEC) of USA Swimming
209. Francesca Noviello, Princeton Swimming & Diving
210. Kaela Nurmi, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Swimming & Diving
211. Joelle Ohr, Cornell Swimming & Diving
212. Charlotte O'Leary, Yale University Swimming & Diving
213. Claire O'Mara, Yale University Swimming & Diving
214. Ryan O'Neill, Pennsylvania State University Swimming & Diving
215. Courtney Otto, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
216. Addie Paige, Colby College Swimming & Diving
217. Ava Palfreyman, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
218. Julia Papp, Cornell Swimming & Diving
219. Jaehee Park, American University Swimming & Diving



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221. Jacob Pebley, Team USA
222. Ray Pedersen, Bates College Swimming & Diving
223. David J. Pfeifer, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
224. Lauren Pich, Cornell Swimming & Diving
225. Kaitlyn Pierce, Knox College Swimming & Diving
226. Sofie Pietrantonio, Williams College Swimming & Diving
227. Sophie Piette, University of New England Swimming
228. Lauren Pitzer, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
229. Reid Pope, Brown University Swimming & Diving
230. Katie Priest, Williams College Swimming & Diving
231. Cathleen Pruden, Mount Holyoke College Swimming & Diving
232. Mary Pruden, Columbia University Swimming & Diving
233. Jay Pulitano, Sarah Lawrence College Swimming, Team New York Aquatics
234. Anna Rakowski, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
235. Sofia Rauzi, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
236. Lyndsey Reeve, Pennsylvania State University Swimming & Diving
237. Ginger Ren, Yale University Swimming & Diving
238. Noah Richter, University of Kentucky Swimming & Diving
239. Olivia Rieur, Middlebury Swimming & Diving
240. Amy Roach, Carleton College Swim & Dive Team
241. Kate Rogers, Yale University Swimming & Diving
242. Lauren Rohde, Swarthmore College Swimming
243. Eric Ronda, Harvard Swimming
244. Charlotte Rosenberg, Brown University Swimming & Diving
245. Olivia Rubino, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
246. Javier Ruisanchez, Puerto Rico National Team
247. Sadie Runeman, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
248. Saya Ryan, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming & Diving
249. G Ryan, Team USA, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
250. Helaina Sacco, Colby-Sawyer College Swimming & Diving
251. Emily Sanders, Rice University Swimming
252. Anna Santamans, French Federation
253. Mariele Saunders-Shultz, Bucknell University Swimming & Diving
254. Nicholas Schlader, Loras College Swimming & Diving
255. Jon Schlafer, Brown University Swimming & Diving
256. Marly Schrom, Carleton College Swimming & Diving



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258. Allison Schumacher, University of Minnesota Swimming & Diving
259. Lauren Schutz, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
260. Brayden Seal, Ohio State Swimming
261. Deborah Seiler, UC Davis Swimming & Diving
262. Stephanie Shao, Yale University Swimming & Diving
263. Kelly Sherman, Yale University Swimming & Diving
264. Cailley Silbert, Yale University Swimming & Diving
265. Jordan Silbert, Cornell University Swimming & Diving
266. Sydney Silver, University of Texas Swimming
267. Gabrielle Sims, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
268. Maddy Sims, Northwestern Swimming
269. Ishani Singh, Yale University Swimming & Diving
270. Kendra Sirianni, Loras College Swimming & Diving
271. Breanne Siwicki, University of Minnesota Swimming
272. Delaney Smith, Williams College Swimming & Diving
273. Sean Smith, Rutgers University Swimming & Diving
274. Milana Socha, Carleton College Swimming & Diving, Northwestern University
Swimming & Diving
275. Amy Socha, Tufts University Swim & Dive
276. Amy Song, Harvard Swimming & Diving
277. Gavin Springer, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
278. Amanda Stadermann, Washington University in St. Louis Swimming & Diving
279. Neal Stepp, Texas Christian University Swimming & Diving
280. Leah Stevens, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
281. Sylvie Stoloff, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
282. Laura Strachan, Swarthmore College Swimming
283. Alyssa Stringer, Knox College Swimming & Diving
284. Jessica Student, Slippery Rock University Swimming
285. Erica Sullivan, Team USA, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
286. Scarlett Sun, Georgetown University Swimming & Diving
287. David Swensen, University of Massachusetts Swimming & Diving
288. Astrid Swensen, University of Michigan Swimming/Diving
289. Sarah Swinnerton, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
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291. Hayden Tavoda, UC Berkeley Swimming & Diving
292. Lindsay Temple, Princeton University Swimming & Diving



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293. McKenna Tennant, Yale University Swimming & Diving
294. Zach Thomas, Columbia University Swimming & Diving
295. Mikaela Thompson, Harvard Swimming and Diving
296. Ella Tierney, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
297. Grace Tierney, University of Wisconsin-Madison Swimming & Diving
298. Katie Trace, The Ohio State University Swimming and Diving
299. Jack Tribble, University of Minnesota Swimming and Diving
300. Sophia Tsai, Cornell Swimming & Diving
301. Mackenzie Tucker, Swarthmore College Swimming
302. Susannah Tuder, USA Swimming
303. Laura Turpen, Tulane University Swimming & Diving
304. Caitlin Tycz, Yale University Swimming & Diving
305. Arlyn Upshaw, Terrapins Swim Team, UCLA Swimming & Diving
306. Margaret Vaitkus, Northern Michigan University Swimming & Diving
307. Graham Walker, Kenya Swimming Federation, University of Denver Swimming & Diving
308. Eliana Wallock, Ithaca College Swimming & Diving
309. Matthew Warren, Cornell Swimming & Diving
310. Mimi Watts, American University Swimming & Diving
311. Katherine Wehrman, Smith College Swimming & Diving
312. Sarah Welch, Brown Swimming
313. Dani Wheeler, Nebraska Wesleyan Swimming
314. Jordan Wheeler, University of Texas Swimming & Diving
315. Eric Whisenant, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
316. Morgan Whyte, Carleton College Swimming
317. Aidan Williams, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
318. Demetra Williams, Cornell Swimming & Diving
319. Kim Williams, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
320. Sarah Wilson, Bowdoin College Swimming & Diving
321. Julia Wilson, Kenyon College Swim & Dive
322. Julie Witczak, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Swimming & Diving
323. Annie Wixted, Swarthmore College Swimming
324. Sebastian Wolff, Cornell Swimming & Diving
325. Emily Woo, Smith College Swimming & Diving
326. Verity Wray-Raabolle, Macalester College Swimming & Diving
327. Cheryl Xiang, Yale University Swimming & Diving
328. Gensi Xu, Knox College Swimming & Diving



- 329. Maxim Yakubovich, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
- 330. Christian Yeager, Harvard University Swimming & Diving
- 331. Samantha Yeo, USA Swimming, Team Singapore, University of Michigan
Swimming/Diving
- 332. Colten Young, Princeton University Swimming & Diving
- 333. Valerie Yoshimura, Harvard Swimming and Diving
- 334. Emily Zhang, George Washington University Swimming
- 335. Amy Zhao, Yale University Swimming & Diving
- 336. Grace Zhao, Stanford University Swimming & Diving
- 337. Maddy Zimmerman, Yale University Swimming & Diving