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Mr. Grace,

I am writing to you regarding the recently released Indigeneity, Diaspora, Equity, and Anti-Racism in Sport (IDEAS) Research Lab, OUA Anti-Racism Report.

As you know, in October 2020 the Canadian Student-Athlete Association commended the OUA for continuing to establish ways to better emphasize, celebrate, and encourage the conference's diversity as evidenced by the formation of the Black, biracial, and Indigenous (BBI) Task Force.

We were pleased to see the experiences and recommendations of the BBI Task Force inspire the development of the OUA Anti-Racism Project, undertaken to create and disseminate knowledge about the demographics and experiences of student-athletes, coaches and sports administrators across the province.

We applaud the recent release of the resulting OUA Anti-Racism Report, and the identification and refinement of strategies to advance efforts to help make the OUA an inclusive and safe community where all student-athletes have equal opportunities to achieve their full potential.

It was encouraging to see the high level of engagement with student-athletes in development of the report, and we look forward to the OUA acting on the four areas highlighted as requiring immediate attention.

Stay safe.

Regards,

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