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Hello [NAME],

My name is [NAME], and I am [add personal relationship: alum, parent, gymnastics fan, prospective student, etc].

I am emailing today to urge a serious and thorough reconsideration of the decision to discontinue seven of William & Mary's most successful athletic programs, as announced on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020.

These very programs constitute the University's best claim to athletic dominance at the conference level and consistent representation at the NCAA level. Eliminating these sports in pursuit of bolstering "nationally competitive programs" is flatly disingenuous, if not entirely counterproductive to achieving those ends.

Alternate funding options and revenue streams exist. The lack of preliminary discussion with the Tribe Club or outreach to these programs' alumni communities - major untapped philanthropic avenues - demonstrates a mere unwillingness to pursue them. Furthermore, a surprise announcement, seemingly-planned in secret, plagiarized from Stanford's similar announcement, and one not accompanied by hard nor publicly-accessible data, is a direct affront to the principles of "integrity, transparency, and accountability" which Tribe Athletics claims to embody. It also casts serious doubt on the core value of "Integrity" shared by the Athletic Department and the university.

This decision stands in direct opposition to much of the mission, goals, and core values described in the Athletic Department's Strategic Plan and makes a mockery of the philosophy, "One Tribe, One Family." So William & Mary can continue to aspire to its highest values, I strongly urge the President, Provost, Board of Visitors, and Athletic Department to reconsider this decision and explore alternative options that do not eliminate precious opportunities for collegiate athletes nor call the integrity of the department and the university so greatly into question.

Thank you.

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