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Washington, D.C.-- Today, Congressman Sires joined his colleague, Representative Louise Slaughter (D-NY) in co-sponsoring, H.R. 458, the High School Athletics Accountability Act. This legislation would make participation rates and expenditures for all high school athletes available to the public.

“All high school students - male or female - should receive the same athletic opportunities. Having high schools report basic data on the number of male and female athletes and the associated expenditures is the first step in creating a true level playing field,” said Congressman Sires. “This legislation will provide communities with the information to better enforce Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs. For many young women, participation and excellence in sports can lead to educational scholarship opportunities.”

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