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ADMINISTRATIVE CLASS COMPLAINT

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I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This complaint is filed by *Champion Women*, pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* ("Title IX") and the regulations and policies promulgated thereunder. *See* 34 C.F.R. § 106 *et seq.* Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs and activities, including athletics.

2. *Champion Women* is a 501(c)(3) that provides legal advocacy for girls and women in sports.

3. As detailed in the Factual and Legal Allegations below, data submitted by Lindsey Wilson College ("Lindsey Wilson") to the Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act ("EADA"), 20 U.S.C. § 1092, as well as information collected from Lindsey Wilson's website indicates that Lindsey Wilson is discriminating on the basis of sex by providing unequal athletic participation opportunities and unequal athletic recruitment funding for its female students.

4. In order to address these disparities, *Champion Women* requests that the Office for Civil Rights ("OCR") investigate Lindsey Wilson to determine whether it is providing women equal opportunities to participate in varsity sports and equivalent recruitment funding as required by Title IX and, if not, to remedy any unlawful conduct.

II. JURISDICTION

5. The OCR is responsible for ensuring compliance with Title IX and receiving information about, investigating, and remedying violations of Title IX and its implementing regulations and guidelines. 34 C.F.R. §§ 106.71, 100.7.

6. *Champion Women* has not filed this complaint with any other agency or institution.

7. As Lindsey Wilson currently violates Title IX's athletic equity requirements, this complaint is timely.

III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

8. Lindsey Wilson receives federal financial assistance and is therefore prohibited from discriminating on the basis of sex pursuant to Title IX.

9. Data submitted by Lindsey Wilson to the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the EADA that is publicly available on the Office of Postsecondary Education website for academic years 2003-04 through 2021-2022 indicates that Lindsey Wilson is discriminating

against women; it is not currently and has not in the past been providing female athletes equal opportunities to participate in athletics under Title IX's three-part participation test.

10. *Champion Women* has edited the EADA data on our website <u>https://titleixschools.com/</u> in just one instance: to remove male practice players who are counted up in the tally as "women". These male practice players are not female athletes and have therefore been subtracted from the totals in the EADA.¹

	Undergraduate Enrollment				1		Athletic Participation		
Year	Men	Women	Total	Percent Women	Men	Women Prong 2: This # should Rise Continuousl y and Steadily Over Time, Without Going Backwards	Total	Percent Women	Female Athletes Who Would Need to be Added to Achieve
2003-04	488	868	1356	64.01%	88	93	181	51.38%	64
2004-05	490	894	1384	64.60%	110	98	208	47.12%	103
2005-06	529	928	1457	63.69%	111	94	205	45.85%	101
2006-07	537	1043	1580	66.01%	100	100	200	50.00%	94
2007-08	546	1076	1622	66.34%	93	91	184	49.46%	92
2008-09	540	1029	1569	65.58%	94	94	188	50.00%	85
2009-10	739	1149	1888	60.86%	265	183	448	40.85%	229
2010-11	836	1238	2074	59.69%	400	201	601	33.44%	391
2011-12	849	1213	2062	58.83%	421	208	629	33.07%	393
2012-13	854	1245	2099	59.31%	459	236	695	33.96%	433
2013-14	870	1214	2084	58.25%	463	236	699	33.76%	410
2014-15	872	1188	2060	57.67%	474	247	721	34.26%	399
2015-16	843	1207	2050	58.88%	474	230	704	32.67%	449
2016-17	790	1194	1984	60.18%	481	252	733	34.38%	475
2017-18	756	1144	1900	60.21%	487	248	735	33.74%	489
2018-19	735	1132	1867	60.63%	478	249	727	34.25%	487
2019-20	723	1112	1835	60.60%	448	249	697	35.72%	440
2020-21	714	1081	1795	60.22%	480	285	765	37.25%	442
2021-22	646	972	1618	60.07%	471	286	757	37.78%	423

11. Lindsey Wilson does not and has not provided athletic opportunities to female students in numbers substantially proportionate to their enrollment pursuant to part one of the

¹ See *Champion Women* website for every college and university receiving federal funds: <u>https://titleixschools.com/2023/05/20/eada-data/</u> High school data for these schools receiving federal funds is available here: <u>https://titleixschools.com/2023/06/06/check-your-high-school/</u>

Title IX participation test. Women are 60.07% of the student body, but just 37.78% of the student-athletes.

12. In 2021-2022, the most recent academic year for which EADA data is available that is not corrupted by disruptions related to Covid-19, Lindsey Wilson's participation gap was 423 athletes. In other words, Lindsey Wilson must add 423 additional athletic opportunities for women in order to provide athletic opportunities substantially proportionate to enrollment. Assuming a new team would have an average of 25 athletes – some more, some less – Lindsey Wilson would need to add over 16 new women's sports teams.

13. Lindsey Wilson has a note in its EADA report:

We had 1377 traditional students on our main campus, of which 739 (53.7%) were female and 638 (46.3%) were male. Athletics has been vital to helping us balance the gender mix on our main campus. Our IPEDS numbers include several satellite campuses. These campuses are not able to participate in our athletics program.

Using athletics to "balance the gender mix of our main campus" is not a valid, legally permissible reason to provide women with fewer educational opportunities, or a Title IX claim.

14. The EADA data and evidence gathered on Lindsey Wilson's website show that Lindsey Wilson does not have a history and continuing practice of expanding athletic participation opportunities for women pursuant to Prong 2 of the Title IX participation test. The number of women athletes does not consistently increase over time.

15. Over the 19 academic years covered by the available EADA data, Lindsey Wilson's educational opportunities for women have gone up and down. The first six years, it achieved a total net gain of only 1 women's athletic opportunity. In 2015 and 2017, again the numbers went down. In 2015, the loss was 17 women's opportunities. *Champion Women* cannot know the history of adding sports between 1975 and 2003, but Lindsey Wilson cannot demonstrate a history of continuous program expansion that is demonstratively responsive to the growing interests of women in sport, as we will show.

16. A review of Lindsey Wilson's website did not cover any policy or procedure for adding new sports or elevating existing club sports to varsity status. Nor did it reveal any athletic gender equity plan, or any gender equity committee.

17. Lindsey Wilson sponsors 12 men's varsity sports (Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field and Wrestling) serving 322 men, and 11 women's varsity sports (Archery, Basketball, Bowling, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field and Volleyball) serving 242 women.

18. Information available on Lindsey Wilson's website suggests that the university is not accommodating the interests and abilities of female athletes as required by part three of the Title IX participation test.

19. Lindsey Wilson women participate in the club sports of equestrian, badminton, pickleball, dodgeball, volleyball, 3x3 basketball, flag football. The existence of these women's club teams indicates that there is unmet interest in women's athletics at Lindsey Wilson.

Lindsey Wilson is a member of the Mid-South Conference, with members from 20. Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. Affiliate members are from Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Indiana, and Louisiana. This large competitive geographic area will give Lindsey Wilson many choices in adding new women's sports.

21. The Mid-South Conference sponsors women's Wrestling as a championship sport, and Lindsey Wilson does not offer this sport to women. Championship opportunities are a unique educational experience. This championship team demonstrates women's interest in additional sports and that competition for these women's sports exists in Lindsey Wilson's competitive geographic area.

22. Kent State recruits many of its students from Kentucky and the Mid-South Conference region. Kentucky high schools are flush with girls playing Wrestling, Field Hockey, Bowling, Bass Fishing, Rowing, Equestrian, Lacrosse and more. https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/khsaa

High school-age girls in the competitive geographic region compete in both school and club sports, some traditional sports, like Basketball, Soccer, Golf, Tennis, and Track & Field, and other sports like Wrestling, Badminton, Table Tennis, Team Handball, Sailing, Field Hockey, Fencing, Swimming & Diving, Skateboarding, Water Polo, Archery, Field Hockey, Rifle, Triathlon, Ice Hockey, Sport Climbing, Artistic Swimming, Skiing, Snowboarding, Gymnastics, Rowing, Rugby, and all sorts of combat sports, like Judo, Karate, and Taekwondo, to name a few.

23. Wrestling, Rugby, Equestrian, and Triathlon are NCAA emerging sports. There are 163 college women's Wrestling programs, 42 NCAA schools sponsor Triathlon, 26 colleges sponsor women's varsity Equestrian, and at least 32 colleges currently sponsor women's varsity Rugby.

24. Sport Governing Bodies and the NCAA, for member schools, make it very easy to see where other competitors are located. The NCAA publishes the "NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report, 1956 - 2022" for schools to find competitors within the school's normal competitive region: NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report.²

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² See

https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/research/sportpart/2022RES SportsSponsorshipParticipationRatesReport.pdf See individual sports' governing bodies for more, e.g.,

Women's College Rugby: https://www.urugby.com/teams/womens-teams

24. A review of the Lindsey Wilson website does not reveal that Lindsey Wilson undertook any athletic interest surveys or other research into interest and competition to support the addition of women's varsity sports. While surveys are never sufficient to deny women sports opportunities, they are often helpful to determine *which sports* the school should add.

26. The failure to provide women with equal opportunities to play impacts the availability of athletic scholarship dollars for women. These are important sources of funding for educational attainment that women are being denied because of their sex. If Lindsey Wilson provided its male and female students with the same opportunities to participate, Lindsey Wilson would need to add **\$2,563,537** *additional* athletic scholarship dollars, to balance out the amount Lindsey Wilson provides to its male students.

27. If, for some reason, the OCR determines that Lindsey Wilson is, in fact, not discriminating against women in providing opportunities in sport, then Lindsey Wilson would still need to provide its women students participating in sports with **\$505,805** more in athletic scholarship aid, to match the amount Lindsey Wilson provides its male athletes.

28. Lindsey Wilson's EADA data further indicates that the university provides inadequate and unequal funding for the recruitment of female athletes. In 2021-2022, Lindsey Wilson spent \$40,189 on men's recruitment and only \$12,531 on women's recruitment; women were allocated only 23.77 percent of the recruiting budget even though they account for 37.78 percent of the athletic population and 60.07 percent of the full-time undergraduate population. If Lindsey Wilson treated women like it does men, women's teams – and women's coaches – would have an *additional* **\$47,939** in recruiting dollars.

29. If, for some reason, the OCR determines that Lindsey Wilson is, in fact, not discriminating against women in providing opportunities in sport, Lindsey Wilson would still need to provide its women's sports teams – and women's coaches – with **\$6,683** more recruiting dollars in order to be consistent with the school's investment in men's sports.

notable-synchronized-swimming-teams/581/

championships/collegiate-shooting-sports-directory/

Collegiate Women's Gymnastics https://www.ncaa.com/sports/gymnastics-women

Collegiate Equestrian: https://collegiateequestrian.com/sports/2020/5/6/schools.aspx

Women's Collegiate Wrestling: https://wrestlelikeagirl.org/college-opportunities

Collegiate Competitive Cheer Teams: <u>https://www.ncsasports.org/cheerleading/colleges</u> (not to be confused with sideline cheerleading)

Women's Collegiate Triathlon: https://www.usatriathlon.org/multisport/ncaa-triathlon

Collegiate Sailing is governed by the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) with 220 schools: <u>https://www.collegesailing.org/about/overview</u>

Women's Collegiate Ice Hockey: https://www.uscho.com/teams/#d1women

Collegiate Field Hockey: <u>https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Field-Hockey/PLAYERS/College/Team-Websites</u> Collegiate Synchronized/ Artistic Swimming: <u>https://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/colleges-with-</u>

Collegiate Bowling - <u>https://collegebowling.bowl.com/teams</u>

Collegiate Rifle - https://competitions.nra.org/competitions/nra-national-matches/collegiate-

Collegiate Skiing – <u>https://www.uscsa.org/</u>

Collegiate Water Polo - https://collegiatewaterpolo.org/

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IV. LEGAL ALLEGATIONS

30. Title IX provides that "[n]o person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." 20 U.S.C. §1681(a).

31. Title IX regulations prohibit athletic programs from discriminating on the basis of sex in interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics offered by the institution. 34 C.F.R. §106.41(a) (2000).

32. Title IX regulations require institutions that offer athletics programs to provide equal athletic opportunities to members of both sexes to participate in athletics. 34 C.F.R. \$106.41(c)(1).

33. Pursuant to the 1979 Title IX Policy Interpretation, compliance with Title IX's equal athletic participation requirement is measured by determining whether the educational institution meets one part of the following three-part test:

- 1. Prong 1: Whether intercollegiate level participation opportunities for male and female students are provided in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments; or
- 2. Prong 2: Where the members of one sex have been and are underrepresented among intercollegiate athletes, whether the institution can show a history and continuing practice of program expansion which is demonstrably responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the members of that sex; or
- 3. Prong 3: Where the members of one sex are underrepresented among intercollegiate athletes, and the institution cannot show a history and continuing practice of program expansion, as described above, whether it can be demonstrated that the interests and abilities of the members of that sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program.

United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office for Civil Rights, *Policy Interpretation; Title IX and Intercollegiate Athletics*, 44 Fed. Reg. 71413 (Dec. 11, 1979) [hereinafter *Policy Interpretation*].

34. In determining substantial proportionality under part one of the three-part test, OCR considers the number of opportunities that would have to be added to achieve

proportionality and whether it would be sufficient to support another team. If there are a significant number of unaccommodated women, it is likely that a viable sport could be added and therefore the institution has not satisfied part one of the three-part test. United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, *Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Guidance: the Three-Part Test* (Jan. 16, 1996) [hereinafter *1996 Clarification*].

35. In 1975, schools were given three years to be in compliance with the equal participation mandate under Title IX. Schools had only one year to end sex discrimination in all other areas of Title IX's non-discrimination mandate. Only athletics gave schools three years to add athletic opportunities and to stop discriminating against women – or until 1978. That deadline passed 45 years ago. 34 C.F.R. \$106.41(d).³

It is worth noting how odd Prong 2 is as a legal test, in comparison to other nondiscrimination civil rights. For a school to be able to argue that it is still playing catch-up with non-discrimination – exists nowhere else in law. This is especially true 51 years after the passage of Title IX, and 48 years after the passage of the regulations OCR depends on, regulations that were passed by Congress. When a school uses Prong 2, it is admitting that it is not providing women with equal educational opportunities, but that their actions are acceptable, because the school is "improving." Title IX's Prong 2 allows schools to provide girls and women with less.

36. <u>Therefore, it is understandable that Prong 2 is a strict legal test.</u> In determining whether an institution has a history and continuing practice of expansion under Prong 2 of the three-part test, OCR reviews the entire history of the athletic program and evaluates whether the institution has expanded participation opportunities for the underrepresented sex in a manner that was demonstrably responsive to their developing interests and abilities, considering a number of factors, including:

- an institution's record of adding intercollegiate teams, or upgrading teams to intercollegiate status, for the underrepresented sex;
- an institution's record of increasing the numbers of participants in intercollegiate athletics who are members of the underrepresented sex;
- an institution's affirmative responses to requests by students or others for addition or elevation of sports; and
- whether the institution has effective ongoing procedures for collecting, maintaining and analyzing information on the interest and abilities of students of the underrepresented sex, including monitoring athletic participation, and assessing interest and ability on a periodic basis.

³ 34 C.F.R. §106.41(d) "*Adjustment period.* A recipient which operates or sponsors interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics at the elementary school level shall comply fully with this section as expeditiously as possible but in no event later than one year from the effective date of this regulation. A recipient which operates or sponsors interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics at the secondary or post-secondary school level shall comply fully with this section as expeditiously as possible but in no event later than three years from the effective date of this regulation."

United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, *Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Clarification: The Three-Part Test- Part Three* (Apr. 20, 2010) [hereinafter 2010 Clarification]; 1996 Clarification.

37. In determining whether an institution has a continuing practice of program expansion under Prong 2, OCR will consider a number of factors, including:

- an institution's current implementation of a non-discriminatory policy or procedure for requesting the addition of sports (including the elevation of club or intramural teams) and the effective communication of the policy or procedure to students;
- an institution's current implementation of a plan of program expansion that is responsive to developing interests and abilities; and
- an institution's efforts to monitor the developing interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex, for example, by conducting periodic nondiscriminatory assessments of developing interests and abilities and taking timely actions in response to the results.

2010 Clarification, 1996 Clarification.

38. OCR will not find a history and continuing practice of program expansion where an institution increases the proportional participation opportunities for the underrepresented sex by reducing opportunities for the overrepresented sex alone or by reducing participation opportunities for the overrepresented sex to a proportionately greater degree than for the underrepresented sex. *2010 Clarification, 1996 Clarification.*

39. Courts have found that schools must have both a history *and* continuing practice of expanding opportunities for women for Prong 2 compliance. *Mansourian v. Bd. Of Regents of Univ. of Cal.*, 594 F. 3d 1095, 1108. (9th Cir. Cal. 2010).

40. Prong 3 of the three-part test requires an examination of whether there is an unmet interest in a particular sport, a sufficient ability to sustain a team in the sport, and a reasonable expectation for competition for a team in the sport. *2010 Clarification*, *1996 Clarification*.

41. Whether there is unmet interest and ability will be determined by examining a broad range of indicators, including whether the institution uses non-discriminatory methods of assessing interest and ability, the elimination of a viable team for the unrepresented sex, multiple indicators of interest and ability, and frequency of conducting assessments. *2010 Clarification*.

Sufficient interest can be established by student requests to add a sport or elevate a club sport, increases in club or intramural sport participation, responses to interviews and interest surveys, assessments of student athletic participation before entering the institution or in the secondary schools from which the university draws its students, and assessments of participation in intercollegiate sports in the institution's normal competitive regions. *Id.*

42. Ability may be established by the athletic accomplishments and competitive experience of club sports and admitted students, the opinions of coaches, administrators, and athletes, and student participation in other sports. *Id*.

43. Expectation of competition may be established through athletic opportunities offered by other schools with which the school competes or opportunities at other schools in the school's geographic area, including those against which the institution does not compete. *Id.*

44. Under Prong 3 of the three-part test, OCR will also examine an institution's recruitment practices. If an institution recruits potential student-athletes for its men's teams, OCR will examine whether the institution is providing women's teams with substantially equal opportunities to recruit potential student-athletes. *Id*.

45. Title IX also requires schools to provide equal scholarship dollars, in proportion to the number of students of each sex participating in athletics. 34 C.F.R. §106.37(c) (2000). NCAA limits on scholarships per team is not a legal defense; schools cannot blame a third party for sex discrimination; recipients are responsible for equality. Schools choose which sports to sponsor, and some schools have chosen scholarship-dense sports for men, such as football and basketball, and scholarship-light sports for women, such as track.

46. Title IX also requires equal opportunity in the recruitment of student-athletes where equal athletic opportunities are not present for male and female students. Compliance will be assessed by examining the recruitment practices of the athletic programs for both sexes and evaluating whether the financial and other resources made available for recruitment in male and female athletic programs are equivalently adequate to meet the needs of each program. *1979 Policy Interpretation.*

47. Title IX requires schools to provide women with equal treatment, including equipment and supplies; game and practice times; travel and per diem allowances; coaching and academic tutoring; assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors; locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities; medical and training facilities and services; housing and dining facilities and services; and publicity. 34 C.F.R. §106.41(a) (2000), *Policy Interpretation*.

48. Lack of money is not a legal defense to sex discrimination. *See, e.g., Roberts Colorado State Univ.*, 814 F. Supp. 1507, 1518 (D. Colo. 1993) ("[A] financial crisis cannot justify gender discrimination."); *Favia v Indiana University of Pennsylvania*, 812 F. Supp. 578, 585 (W.D. Pa. 1993) (finding that financial concerns alone cannot justify gender discrimination); *Cook v. Colgate University*, 802 F. Supp. 737, 750 (1992) ("[I]f schools could use financial concerns as a sole reason for the disparity of treatment, Title IX would become meaningless."); *Haffer v. Temple*, 678 F. Supp. 517, 520 (1987) (finding that financial concerns alone cannot justify gender discrimination).

49. Monies and in-kind benefits from third-party sources, such as donors, sponsorships, television rights, ticket sales, and student fees, are not a defense to a sex *Champion Women*, Sex Discrimination in Athletics in Violation of Title IX, 2023

discrimination charge, whether those resources were used to build facilities, fund scholarships, provide equipment and uniforms, or any other benefit of sports participation. None of those sources of money creates a legal defense against sex discrimination. Schools must ensure that their students are not receiving second-class educational opportunities because they are female. See 20 U.S.C. § 1687 (2005); See Office for Civil Rights, *Department of Education, Further Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Guidance Regarding Title IX Compliance* (June 11, 2003), *Cohen v. Brown Univ.*, 809 F. Supp. 978, 996 (D.R.I. 1992) (concluding that "all monies spent by Brown's Athletic Department, whether originating from university coffers or from the Sports Foundation [booster club] must be evaluated as a whole under § 106.41(c)")

50. It is *Champion Women's* experience that most athletes and former athletes are acutely aware of all the ways they are treated as second-class within their athletics department, because they are women. As NIL monies become more available, equal promotion and publicity will be important for female athletes. *Champion Women* asked current collegiate athletes what equality would look like under this list. Here's what the athletes came up with:

- i. Men's and Women's sports would be equally featured, with equal prominence, on school and Athletic Department websites and social media.
- ii. Schools would invest equally in cameras and production equipment for Women's and Men's sports.
- iii. Schools would optimize Google searches for their Men's and Women's teams to receive equal search results.
- iv. Women's and Men's sports would employ an equal caliber of talent in their sports information and marketing departments, and they would be paid and promoted equally.
- v. Women's and Men's sports jerseys, apparel and memorabilia would be equally and easily accessible.
- vi. The needs of Women's teams would not revolve around Men's football and men's basketball teams.
- vii. The Women's and Men's teams would have equal access to dining halls, nutrition, etc. at times equally convenient to both teams.
- viii. Men's and Women's teams would have equal access to optimal practice times when they share facilities.
- ix. Men's and Women's sports marketing efforts would focus on performance; Broadcasters and schools would not focus on a woman athlete's appearance or sexuality.
- x. Women's and Men's medical care and athletic training access would be equal; Neither male nor female athletes would have priority accessing these resources.
- xi. Schools would hire competition officials of the same quality, with equal compensation, for the Women's and Men's teams.
- xii. Men's and Women's sports performance staff would be equal, and would be paid and promoted comparably.

- xiii. Schools would intentionally use language that equally prioritizes Men's and Women's sports.
 - 1. Teams would be referred to as "Women's Basketball" and "Men's Basketball."
 - 2. "Basketball" would not be used to refer to Men's Basketball.
 - Schools would have Social Media handles that referred to men's and women's teams; "Oregon Soccer" would be changed to "Oregon Men's Soccer."

51. Lindsey Wilson's own data, as outlined in the Factual Allegations above, demonstrate that it is not providing equal opportunities for its female students to participate in sports under Title IX's three-part participation test, in addition to scholarship, treatment, and recruitment requirements.

V. RELIEF REQUESTED

52. *Champion Women* requests that OCR:

- a. <u>Investigate</u> Lindsey Wilson College to determine whether it is discriminating against women; whether it is providing female students with equal participation opportunities in athletics, equal and proportionate athletic scholarship dollars, and equal treatment and benefits.
- b. Take all necessary steps to <u>remedy</u> any unlawful conduct that it identifies in its investigation, as required by Title IX and its implementing regulations.
- c. Additional violations are expected. Champion Women asks that for any violations found, secure assurances of compliance with Title IX from Lindsey Wilson College, that include full remedies.
- d. Among other steps to achieve compliance with Title IX, require Lindsey Wilson College to add more athletic opportunities for women, accord to additional teams and athletes the full range of benefits accorded to men's varsity teams and athletes, increase recruiting budgets and opportunities, and adopt and implement a plan to achieve compliance with Title IX.
- e. <u>Monitor</u> any resulting agreement with Lindsey Wilson College to ensure that the school achieves full and complete compliance with Title IX throughout its athletic department, now and in the future.

I give the OCR my consent to disclose my name and *Champion Women's* name contained in this letter to others for OCR's investigation of, and enforcement activities related to, the Discrimination Complaint.



Nancy Hogshead, J.D., OLY September 16, 2023