

TESTIMONY
TITUS IVORY
STUDENT-ATHLETE, MEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM
PENNSYLVANIA STATE
UNIVERSITY
BEFORE THE
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
SCIENCE AND
TRANSPORTATION
UNITED STATES SENATE
APRIL 26,2001
THE AMATEUR SPORTS
INTEGRITY ACT, S. 718.

Chairman McCain, Senator
Hollings, my senator from my home state
in North Carolina, Senator Edwards,
and other distinguished members of the
Committee, thank you for the
opportunity to testify today on the

college games altogether, but how can anyone argue that it won't send a positive message that sports gambling is illegal everywhere in this country? And maybe this message might also slow down the publishing of point spreads. I must say that it is an awful feeling to open up the USA Today and see that my team is picked to lose by 20 points before the game even begins. It adds stress and even puts the thought in your own mind that "maybe we should lose." The game is supposed to be about working hard and having fun, not about making somebody money who has bet on the outcome.

Thank you.