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Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee,

“As parents who lost a child to a preventable injury we couldn’t ask ourselves enough times what didn’t we prepare Jordan for or protect him from. No parent willingly or knowingly sends their child off to any level of a higher- educational institution for them to be bullied, threatened, or become a target of any discriminatory behavior. We think as parents to prepare them to speak up for themselves in any uncomfortable situation on the field, classrooms, and socially without fear of any retribution or worse. Jordan’s death has highlighted examples where our young student athletes didn’t feel safe for speaking up in defense of a teammate in fear of retribution, loss of scholarships, or worse. No student athlete or parent should feel that their safety or their child could possibly feel unsafe ever when we trust a higher level educational institution to develop them into future thought leaders and professionals preparing them for life. “

Senate Bill 27 named after Jordan McNair will not only keep our young student athletes safe and empowered at these higher level educational institutions but keep his legacy alive forever.

Martin McNair and Tonya McNair
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