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Statement of Rep. Jerry O'Connor on the WIAA's Decision to Allow Campbellsport High School's Josh Onwunili to Compete

MADISON - Representative Jerry O'Connor (R- Fond du Lac) released the following statement on the WIAA's decision to allow Campbellsport High School's Josh Onwunili to compete in varsity track events:

“Will WIAA let Josh Onwunilli Run in State track meets?”

Our office wants to provide a late Friday update. We have spent the last two days working with the State WIAA Executive Director, Stephanie Hauser, Congressman Glenn Grothman and his assistant Sally Cole, the Campbellsport Athletic Director Tom Griesmer, Coach Derek Toshner and Josh's family to wade through the WIAA requests to find a win-win outcome for this waiver request that will allow Josh to compete in State High School track meets.

Without going into a long trail of WIAA processes, let me note that Congressman Grothman and Sally Cole have gone to great lengths to obtain official documentation regarding the Father's visa status. This has been sent to WIAA's office. This decision should never have taken this long and this family put through this grueling process.

UPDATE: Through a combination of media pressure and legislators using their influence a right decision has been made, I just received official notice that Josh's waiver request was approved.

Run Josh run!”

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