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WBCA Executive Committee, Executive Director statements on Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act

TAMPA, Florida (April 3, 2015) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association Executive Committee and WBCA Executive Director Danielle M. Donehew both issued statements today regarding the Indiana Religious Freedom Act. The Executive Committee met during the 2015 WBCA Convention, which is being held in conjunction with the 2015 NCAA Women's Final Four.

Committee members present at the meeting were association President Sue Semrau, head coach at Florida State University; Vice President Coquese Washington, head coach at Penn State University; Matthew Mitchell, head coach at the University of Kentucky; Immediate Past President Charli Turner Thorne, head coach at Arizona State University; and Connie Hurlbut, senior associate commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference. Not present were Geno Auriemma, head coach at the University of Connecticut and Muffet McGraw, head coach at the University of Notre Dame, both of whom are competing in the Women's Final Four that begins Sunday.

Statement by WBCA Executive Director Danielle M. Donehew:

"Women's basketball is wonderfully diverse and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association is committed to the inclusion of everyone who wishes to be a part of our community - whether they play, coach, officiate, work in, or are a fan of the sport.

"We are monitoring the political developments in Indiana as we hold an exciting 2015 WBCA Convention in Tampa, and will remain in constant contact with our partners at the NCAA as we plan for the 2016 WBCA Convention which is scheduled to be held in Indianapolis."

Statement by the WBCA Executive Committee:

"The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports an inclusive culture. We celebrate the diversity of our membership, the entire women's basketball community and society as a whole, and we oppose discrimination in any form."

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About the WBCA:

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game as a sport for women and girls. For more information on the WBCA, please visit wbca.org.

