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Dear Kristen,

My apologies for the delay with this letter but I do hope that it finds you well. I wanted to formally follow up with you and thank you for your guest lecture in my undergraduate "Politics and Policy in the Sport Industry" class (KINE 3490) on March 11, 2010. With only a few weeks notice, you were able to develop a provocative and sophisticated three-hour lecture on the subject of sex, gender and social inclusion and deliver it to over 55 third-year and fourth-year students in a sensitive and meaningful way.

I cannot begin to describe the impact you had on my students. There was unequivocal support from the students for you, your advocacy and activism, and the core themes you explored in your lecture: social inclusion, (in)equity, awareness, education and acceptance for all. My students kept coming back to the immediacy of your words and actions. They repeatedly remarked at how refreshing it was for them to have someone on the frontlines of international policy development and change, in this case with regard to sex testing and gender equity, in the classroom. For them, it added flesh and bones to what had been, up to that point, either sensational media headlines or theoretical debate in class. They appreciated and admired your willingness to talk about the politics and policies of sex testing candidly and without reservation - it truly stimulated genuine discussion and honest exchange in the classroom.

In addition to the work that you do in challenging and demanding reform around sex testing policy and practice, you are a tremendous educator around social inclusion in sport for all. I thank you for taking the time to come to my class and if I can be of any service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Parissa Safai".

Parissa Safai
Assistant Professor

