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## Senator Norma Champion Applauds Kickapoo High School Basketball Team, Highlights Video of Team Manager

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator Norma Champion (R-Springfield) is showing appreciation for the efforts of the Kickapoo High School basketball team in Springfield and its support for local not-for-profit organization [A Sporting Chance](#). Alex Dizmang, Kickapoo’s team manager and a participant in A Sporting Chance, is also Sen. Champion’s grandson.

“The basketball team at Kickapoo High School is a great model for athletes who want to be aware of the community around them and who want to do their part to support and reach out to those with special needs,” Sen. Champion said. “It’s inspiring to see participants in a program such as A Sporting Chance have an opportunity to play a sport with regular athletes in front of a cheering high school audience. I know first-hand the impact that participation in sports and camaraderie with a team can make in a person’s life, and I’m proud of the difference this organization and being a part of the Kickapoo basketball team has made for my grandson.”

A Sporting Chance is headquartered in Springfield, Missouri, and allows any person with a disability, youth who are disadvantaged, abused and neglected children, “at-risk” teenagers, and senior citizens to participate in specially developed amateur sports training, competitions, and recreational programs. To view a video featuring Sen. Champion’s grandson, Alex Dizmang, who is an active participant in the program at Kickapoo High School in Springfield, please [click here](#) or go to <http://www.senate.mo.gov/multimedia/Champion/sportingchance.wmv> (video courtesy of KSPR 33-ABC Springfield and used by permission).

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