"It's a great source of pride for Rochesterians that the best player on the best women's soccer team in the world hails from our hometown. Congratulations to Abby Wambach for being named FIFA's Player of the Year and for being a role model to girls all over the country who aspire to one day wear the uniform of the United States and represent their country on the world stage.

On January 7th, Wambach was named FIFA's Player of the Year.

"Despite the incredible progress of women in sports since Title IX's enactment, we still have more work to do. Young women in high school currently receive 1.3 million fewer opportunities to play sports than young men, and this gap is increasing. The problem stems from a lack of transparency and accountability in our high schools. Because of this lack of transparency, we are seeing fewer and fewer high schools realize full equality for male and female athletes, and more young women being denied the opportunity to realize their full potential both on and off the field.

"To address this problem, I have authored the High School Athletics Accountability Act, which would require that high schools meet the same standards as universities when it comes to publicly reporting basic data on gender equality in sports. Such reporting at the college level has led to unprecedented opportunity for young women, and enacting a similar law at the high school level will help to increase athletic participation and opportunity for girls across the country."

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