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Dear Ms Albohm,

The American Academy of Pediatrics applauds your efforts to address youth sports safety in America. As stewards of children's health, it is a priority of the Academy that children are provided with a safe environment to lead healthy active lives.

As you may be aware, the AAP has a standing Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness which is comprised of 11- Board Certified Pediatric and Sports Medicine specialists, an exercise physiologist, and representatives from the National Athletic Trainer's Association and the Canadian Pediatric Society. This group is responsible for developing policy statements; educating pediatricians, child health professionals and the lay public; and advocating for youth safety legislation. Additionally, through the Council's work we collaborate with other like minded sports associations. For more information on the AAP activities please visit our web site at [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org).

Thank you for inviting us to participate in the summit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith S. Palfrey".

Judith Palfrey, MD, FAAP  
President

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