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Marje Albohm, MS, ATC
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Dear Ms. Albohm:

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) commends the NATA for forming the Alliance to Address the Youth Sports Safety Crisis in America. Our members recognize the risks inherent in children's sports-related activities, and want to ensure young athletes have access to – and receive – the best quality medical care. As the NATA's "Call to Action" reminds us, sports injuries at a young age are often a risk factor for future injury. The effects on our healthcare system of these types of injuries could therefore be felt for several decades.

AAOS is pleased do support the Alliance with a contribution of \$500. Best wishes for a successful summit on January 12, 2010.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Hackett, FACHE, CAE
Chief Executive Officer

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