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Dear Ms. Albohm,

The membership of American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine (AOASM) applauds NATA's initiative of increasing the public's awareness in youth sport safety. AOASM is proud to join the Youth Sports Safety Alliance.

As you are aware, AOASM participates in updating the Preparticipation Physical Exam (PPE) each year to ensure that the proper health care evaluation is provided to our young athletes prior to participating in athletics. AOASM also actively collaborates in writing position papers involving the prevention and treatment of certain medical conditions associated with physical activity.

We are dedicated to educate our physicians in the evaluation and treatment of musculoskeletal injuries so our athletes can participate in their sport safely. We encourage and support all research to help prevent catastrophic injuries associated with athletic events. AOASM also supports educational events to inform athletes and their families about systemic, neurological and musculoskeletal injuries associated with sports, as well as prevention of these injuries while still encouraging physical activity of all people of all ages.

We thank you for your initiative and allowing us to participate in this alliance.

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