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Ms. Ellen Satlof
National Athletic Trainers' Association
2925 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX 75247

Dear Ms. Satlof,

Cook Children's Medical Center and our SPORTS Program supports the National Athletic Trainers' Association, as well as, other leading healthcare and sports organizations in the Alliance to Address the Youth Sports Safety Crisis in America. As the only integrated pediatric sports medicine program in Tarrant County, we serve the needs of young athletes, ages 3 to 18, by providing timely, specialized pediatric care. To meet the needs of our young athletes and in response to the rising numbers of sports injuries, we are committed to serving as a resource for our community and other healthcare professionals on all aspects of treating the young athlete.

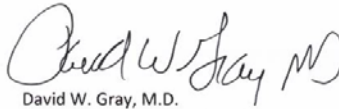
As a leader for sports injury prevention and education, we are actively involved in numerous community events throughout the year; such as health fairs, sports physicals, injury prevention screenings and lectures to schools and select teams. Through our annual SPORTS Symposium, we educate school nurses, coaches, athletic trainers and physical/occupational therapists working with our young athletes. And, we have developed and disseminated education and informational handouts to better guide the community about safer choices when participating in sporting events.

Because youth sports injuries are on the rise across our country and younger and younger athletes are being impacted, we want to join forces with the National Athletic Trainers' Association and other leading healthcare and sports organizations in the Alliance to Address Youth Sports Safety.

Sincerely,



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