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Dear Ellen:

The Maine Concussion Management Initiative (MCMI) is proud to join the Youth Sports Safety Alliance in a shared goal to reduce sports related concussion injury. MCMI is a non-profit, allied with and based at Colby College, dedicated to improving the safety of Maine's youth by increasing awareness and education on concussion management. MCMI is a pioneer in concussion research and education outreach in the state of Maine.

The mission of MCMI is (and with the support of the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement) to reduce sports related concussions in Maine's youth by increasing awareness, promoting advocacy, and standardizing the management of activity related concussions. From the start of this project, in 2009, we realized that we had to be actively involved in the emerging scientific research on concussions. We have done this in a variety of ways ranging from data collection to balance testing and most recently creating a unique database for concussion tracking.

Along the way Maine Concussion Management (MCMI) expanded its collaborative relationships. We currently are working in partnership with the Harvard Medical School, Children's Hospital, and the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. We are pleased to report that the collaboration is yielding results and understanding regarding concussion.

The Maine Concussion Management Initiative is honored to share the enthusiasm brought forward by the 143 other members of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance. We are, as are you, dedicated to the reduction of concussion and look forward to working together now and in the years to come.

Yours truly,

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