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Ellen Satlof Youth Sports Safety Alliance National Athletic Trainers' Association 2952 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, TX 75247

Dr. Ms. Satlof,

The Safe Sports Network, a program of the non-profit New Hampshire Musculoskeletal Institute, is proud to support the National Athletic Trainers' Association by becoming a member of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance. This initiative is extremely important to the Safe Sports Network as we strive to keep youth athletes safe while participating in sport. We fully support the call to action and are committed to the prevention of catastrophic injuries and death in young athletes.

The Safe Sports Network was started in 1989 and now keeps student athletes safer at nine area high schools by providing on-site athletic trainers and operating a free sports injury clinic in Manchester, NH. Safe Sports also provides free pre-season physicals to middle and high school athletes. In addition the Safe Sports Network works to educate parents, athletes, administrators, and coaches in areas of sports medicine and injury prevention. We also partner with youth organizations to provide concussion management programs, which include baseline testing and post injury management. The Safe Sports Network recognizes that without appropriate sports medicine care, potentially serious injuries may go unrecognized and result in unnecessary disability. Because of this the Safe Sports Network is dedicated to promoting and providing a safe sports environment for athletes.

The Safe Sports Network is excited to join the alliance and work to create change in protecting young athletes both on and off the field.

Sincerely,

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