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National Athletic Trainers Association
Attn: Cate Brennan Lisak
2952 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX 75247

Dear Cate:

As a leading provider for sports safety education, the National Center for Sports Safety (NCSS) recognizes the crisis of sports injuries in this country. Since 2004 our non-profit organization has worked to educate coaches across America, on injury prevention, recognizing injuries, and emergency action planning.

Founded in 2001 by world-renowned sports medicine orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Lawrence Lemak, the NCSS' mission is to promote the importance of injury prevention and safety on all levels of youth sports through education and research.

In 2004, the NCSS, in conjunction with the National Athletic Trainers Association, launched a comprehensive sports safety course called PREPARE. Since the launch, the NCSS has worked to promote sports safety and create awareness on all sports injuries, and have educated over ten thousand coaches nationally.

The National Center for Sports Safety fully supports any attention to preventing injuries and creating awareness, and since 2001, has strived to "Raise the Standard" in youth sports. "There is not one parent that would drop their child at a local community pool if there were not a certified lifeguard on duty. That same standard of care should be available at every sports facility in this country," Dr. Lawrence Lemak.

We fully support the NATA to create a safer environment for all of our young athletes, and applaud your tireless work in creating attention to this national safety issue.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Gwaltney
Associate Executive Director