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## Dear Ellen:

We are proud to be involved in the NATA Summit on the Youth Sports Safety Crisis in America. We fully support the Catastrophic Athletic Injury Prevention Act of 2010. We appreciate your efforts to make this landmark legislation a working law in the near future. You can count on the National Sports Safety Organization to help in any way possible to make this important endeavor a reality.

Since its inception, NSSO has been developing equipment and programs that help schools and organizations comply with the safety standards and guidelines established by leading health and safety organizations, including the American Heart Association, The Asthma Foundation, the American Red Cross and the American Paramedics Association. The centerpiece of these efforts is the NSSO Sports Safety Kit, which was assembled and designed with the help of paramedics. This kit is a complete medical center that includes an automated external defibrillator, stethoscope, bandage kit, cervical collar, blood pressure cuff and much more. We provide first aid, CPR and AED training resources that help safety kit purchasers use the kit safely and effectively.

NSSO is developing the Collegiate Sports Safety Report, which lists the equipment, personnel and procedures that schools have in place to deal with sports injuries and health emergencies. This report helps schools determine if they are doing enough to safeguard their athletes. In addition, we also are involved in helping schools and organizations find affordable and free health screening services that prescreen athletes for potential health problems that could lead to athlete injuries and deaths during athletic activities.

We look forward to participating in the Summit. If there is anything else we can do to help you prepare for the meeting, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Let's work together to protect to America's athletes!

Sincerely,

George Wheeler

President and Founder

National Sports Safety Organization