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Dear Ms. Satlof,

Our three organizations, Sports CAPP, Pink Concussions and The Concussion Conference are proud to join the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and other leading healthcare organizations in their efforts to protect young student athletes through the Youth Sports Safety Alliance (Alliance). The Alliance provides the education and awareness necessary to improve and protect the health and safety of our young athletes.

Our goals align as we provide concussion sideline management education for players, parents and coaches through **SportsCAPP**, provide concussion information/research hub for females with head injuries through **Pink Concussions**, and provide schools training in Return to Learn concussion management teams and support the work of ATs through **The Concussion Conference**. There is always a focus on the essential role of the Athletic Trainer at our events and on our websites.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Alliance to prevent catastrophic and deadly injuries and we commit to continue to support **The Youth Sports Safety Alliance**:

1. Ensure that youth athletes have access to health care professionals who are qualified to make assessments and decisions.
2. Educate parents, athletes, coaches, teachers and others about the signs and symptoms of sports injuries and conditions (e.g., brain injury, heat illness, etc).
3. Assure pre-participation exams before play begins and, where appropriate, conduct baseline testing.
4. Ensure that sports equipment, uniforms, playing surfaces and environmental conditions are checked for safety and best conditions.
5. Write to state legislators and members of Congress, expressing concerns.
6. Insist that research into youth sports injuries and their effects be undertaken immediately and be supported by tax dollars.
7. Support a national registry of sport-related catastrophic injuries and fatalities to improve safety and participation.
8. Demand that appropriate emergency action plans and safety and medical protocols and procedures are in place at every sporting event and facility.
9. Educate players and others that there's a difference between pain and injury; and work to eliminate the culture of "playing through pain" without assessment.
10. Ensure that both general and sport-specific safety education be a priority for every administrator, coach, parent and player.

Thank you,

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