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Ellen Satlof
Public Relations Manager
National Athletic Trainers' Association

Dear Ellen,

On behalf of the UHealth Sports Medicine Concussion Program at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, we would like to express our support in joining the Youth Sports Safety Alliance. We are honored to work with the National Athletic Trainer's Association and other health care and youth sports organizations in furthering this initiative.

At UHealth Sports Medicine Center and Concussion Program we are dedicated to preventing injury in children and adolescents through education and awareness. Through our Countywide Concussion Program we are able to provide ImPACT baseline and post-injury tests to all public high school athletes that play contact sports in Miami-Dade County as well as to athletes at ten private high schools. We track and manage all concussions sustained at our public high schools in Miami-Dade County through a concussion injury surveillance system in addition we work closely with the ATCs at these high schools.

Through the UHealth Sports Medicine Center and Concussion Clinic, we able to assess and treat student athletes with sports related injuries and concussions as well as provide the path to a safe gradual return to play. We also provide Sports Legacy Institute's Concussion Education (SLICE) to these young athletes as well as concussion education to ATCs and Coaches throughout the county in order to raise awareness about the management of concussion and sports related injuries. <a href="https://www.uccncussion.com">www.uccncussion.com</a>

We would be happy to join the national efforts of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance to prevent youth sports injury through education and safety efforts as well as ensuring that young athletes and their families are knowledgeable and have appropriate resources.

Thank you again for your invitation to join in this effort.

Dr. Gillian Hotz

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