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Dear Marjorie Albohm:

The American Heart Association applauds your efforts to address youth sports safety in the U.S. We are also working to support youth sports safety and could serve as a vital resource for individuals looking for health information relating to youth sports. As the leader in cardiovascular care, the American Heart Association wants to ensure that children are provided with a safe, CPR-ready environment in which to lead healthy, active lives.

We bring together leading scientific experts from global organizations that study CPR. Every five years we publish *the American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care*, which sets the standard for CPR and first aid protocols used by hospitals, schools and EMS systems in the U.S., and around the world. Working with our network of high-level volunteers, we have developed educational programs that educate healthcare professionals and the lay public on the prevention and treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. Some of our programs specifically target youth, including our Be The Beat ([BetheBeat.heart.org](http://BetheBeat.heart.org)) and CPR Anytime® ([ShopCPRAnytime.org](http://ShopCPRAnytime.org)) programs, which center on providing training for middle and high school students.

In addition, we have programs that promote heart health such as Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart, and we have teamed up with NFL PLAY 60 to create the NFL PLAY 60 Challenge, which inspires middle school students to become more physically active.

The AHA is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of today's youth. For more information on the American Heart Association's CPR, first aid and advanced cardiovascular care training programs, please visit our website at [www.heart.org/cpr](http://www.heart.org/cpr).

Thank you for inviting us to participate in the Youth Sports Safety Summit.

Sincerely,

  
John Meiners  
Executive Vice President - Emergency Cardiovascular Care & Global Strategies

**"Building healthier lives,  
free of cardiovascular**

