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Dear Ellen,

As the director of the Safe Concussion Outcome, Recovery & Education (SCORE) program at Children's National Medical Center, I would like to lend our full support to the Youth Sports Safety Alliance. Children's National Medical Center is proud to join the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), National Academy of Neuropsychology, American Academy of Pediatrics, and other leading health care and sports organizations in this significant endeavor to address the key safety issues in youth sports.

At Children's National Medical Center, the mission of the SCORE program is fivefold: to provide high quality clinical service to youth who have sustained concussions/ mild traumatic brain injuries and their families; conduct research to bring new discoveries to bear on our clinical work; provide community education of parents, coaches, medical providers and schools regarding the effects and key issues of concussion; train the clinical researchers of the future; and advocate locally and globally on the public health issues related to improved health and safety of the developing brains of our children. We believe our mission aligns strongly with that of the Alliance.

Children's National Medical Center and the SCORE Program strongly support the Alliance in its commitment to the health and safety of youth athletes. We strongly support the key calls to action of this important initiative to ensure the health and safety of youth athletes through: access to qualified health care professionals; education of parents, athletes, coaches, teachers and others about the signs and symptoms of sports injuries and conditions; and stronger funding of research of youth sports injuries.

We thank you for your leadership on these critically important issues, and look forward to working with you to ensure healthy lifestyles and increased safety in youth sports.

Sincerely,

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