

October 14, 2011

Ms. Marjorie Albohm, MS, ATC
President, National Athletic Trainers' Association
2952 Stemmons Freeway
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Dear Ms. Albohm:

Drum Corps International (DCI), a leader in the youth marching arts activity for almost 40 yrs, would like to express its support for the Youth Sports Safety Alliance. Our organization has more than 5,000 participants annually, ages 13-22, who help to deliver our message of "excellence in performance and in life," and thereby set new standards for marching arts. As we continue to raise the bar in our own activity, it has become increasingly athletic, and consequently we have seen an increasing number of athletic injuries.

In 2007, under the auspices of DCI, the Drum Corps Medical Project (DCMP) was formed, comprised of allied healthcare professionals who support marching arts organizations with the goal to promote health and wellness, and prevent injury and illness for participants. The DCMP's mission is very much in alignment with the YSSA's "Call to Action." Drum Corps International would be very proud to join the National Athletic Trainers' Association and other leading healthcare and sports organizations in helping to further this very important initiative.

Thank you for your invitation to join the YSSA. We look forward to working together to promote the goal that safe participation remains the priority.

Sincerely,



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