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Youth Sports Safety Alliance
National Athletic Trainers' Association
2952 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75247

Re: Youth Sports Safety Alliance Call to Action

On behalf of the Injury Biomechanics Research Center (IBRC) at The Ohio State University, I would like to express our support of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance and its initiatives. The Injury Biomechanics Research Center (IBRC) is a multidisciplinary research center dedicated to investigating the relationships between human injury and physical mechanical properties by:

- Investigating the biomechanics of injury
- Differentiating environmental versus biological predictors of injury
- Influencing human behavior for prevention of injury

The IBRC co-directs the multi-university I/UCRC (Industry/University Cooperative Research Center) for CChIPS - the Center for Child Injury Prevention Studies. CChIPS is a joint venture with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia striving to advance the safety of children, youth, and young adults by facilitating the conduct of scientific inquiry into the causes and mechanisms of injury, and by translating these findings into commercial application and public education programs for prevention.

The work of the IBRC, as a CChIPS site, has initially focused on preventing traffic injuries and fatalities, and has become one of the leading research groups in this area. Our research initiatives are expanding to also include the prevention of injuries suffered in recreation and sport. Partnering with the Youth Sports Safety Alliance and its members is a natural pairing and we look forward to the future as we strive to provide a healthier and safer environment for all children.

Sincerely,

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