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Ellen Satlof Youth Sports Safety Alliance c/o National Athletic Trainers' Association 2952 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, TX 75247

Dear Ellen,

Now, more than ever, the issue of sport safety in youth athletes is finally gaining the attention it deserves. It seems we can't read a newspaper or watch a news broadcast these days without seeing a story dealing with the subject of sport safety. The light being shed on this topic is due in no small part to the role the National Athletic Trainers' Association and other Alliance partners have played in educating the public about the need for prevention and appropriate management of athletic injury and illness, and the role the athletic trainer plays in that process. However, there's still work to be done, and it's exciting to see stakeholder organizations taking the initiative in furthering this important cause by joining the Alliance.

As an organization dedicated to promoting injury prevention and safe participation in physical activity and sports through educating athletes, parents, coaches, and health care professionals, our vision of preventing injury and promoting safe participation in youth sports is consistent with those participating in the alliance. We eagerly look to collaborate with like-minded organizations whose aim is to protect young athletes from injury. Therefore, we enthusiastically support the **Youth Sport Safety Alliance's Call to Action**, and applaud the National Athletic Trainers' Association and all Alliance partners who continue to work tirelessly to protect young athletes by addressing the sports safety crisis in America.

Very Truly Yours,

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