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Ellen Satlof  
Youth Sports Safety Alliance  
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Dear Ms Satlof:

The Sports Legacy Institute fully supports and encourages the efforts of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance.

SLI was founded on June 14, 2007, in Boston, Massachusetts, by Christopher Nowinski and Dr. Robert Cantu in reaction to new medical research indicating that brain trauma in sports had become a public health crisis. Post-mortem analysis of the brain tissue of former contact sports athletes revealed that repeated brain injuries, both concussive and subconcussive blows, could lead to a neurodegenerative disease known as [Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy](#). The absence of awareness, education, and poor concussion diagnosis and management allowed the disease to proliferate. In addition, with brain trauma becoming the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, this research & education model could also help members of the US military.

SLI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to solving the concussion crisis in sports and the military through medical research, treatment, and education and prevention. The initial vision of SLI was to formalize the groundbreaking neuropathological research, which was a necessary first step in developing treatment and a cure. That vision was achieved when SLI partnered with Boston University School of Medicine in September, 2008, to form the [Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy \(BU CSTE\)](#). While continuing to support the CSTE, now works to translate our new knowledge into programs that will allow sports to be played more safely. SLI makes sports safer through grassroots educational programs including SLI [Advanced Concussion Training](#) and [SLICE](#), the [Concussion Coalition](#) model in Chicago and California, policy developing including the [SLI Concussion Checklist](#) and [Hit Count™ Initiative](#), and continue to raise awareness through the [media](#).

For more information regarding the SLI and our efforts please visit [www.sportslegacy.org](http://www.sportslegacy.org). We look forward to our partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Nowinski", written in a cursive style.

Christopher J. Nowinski  
Executive Director