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Judy Pulice, CAE National Athletic Trainers' Association 2952 Stemmons Freeway #200 Dallas, TX 75247

Dear Judy:

The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation is proud to join the Youth Sports Safety Alliance, spearheaded by the National Athletic Trainers Association. We support the Alliance's Call to Action, which aims to ensure that young people who engage in sports are protected from injuries and conditions that could endanger their health and welfare.

By way of background, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation (www.sca-aware.org) is a national nonprofit 501(c)3 organization based in Pittsburgh, PA. Our mission is to serve as an information clearinghouse dedicated to raising awareness about sudden cardiac arrest and stimulating attitudinal and behavioral changes that will help save more lives. Specifically, our mission is "to raise awareness and support programs that give 'ordinary' people the power to save a life."

One of our key programs is an educational campaign targeted to secondary schools, called *You Can Save a Life at School* (www.sca-aware.org/schools). Through this campaign, we aim to raise aware awareness about the need for schools to establish emergency response plans that include training in CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators, as well as AED placement in school buildings and sports venues. In addition, the campaign addresses the need for comprehensive cardiac screening for student athletes.

We believe the goals of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance are clearly aligned with our mission, and as such, we wish to express our support. We look forward to working with NATA and other like-minded organizations to improve safety measures for young athletes.

Sincerely,

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Mary M. Newman, MS, President Co-Chair, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition

cc: Norman S. Abramson, MD, FACEP, FCCM, Board Chair