



September 27, 2010

Marje Albohm, President
National Athletic Trainers' Association
2952 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75247

Dear Marje:

US Lacrosse extends its thanks and appreciation to the NATA for its creation of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance. We are proud to be a part of such a worthy endeavor, and we are committed to supporting the ideals of the alliance.

Lacrosse has been one of the fastest-growing sports in the country for the last decade, and US Lacrosse has been a catalyst for this dramatic expansion. In just twelve years, our organization has grown to include more than 320,000 members in 64 regional chapters throughout the country. Although the vast majority of our members are youth and high school players, the organization provides leadership and programming for every component and level of boys' and girls' lacrosse.

But such dramatic growth requires the development and delivery of standardized educational curricula necessary to enable coaches and officials to teach the sport safely. It also requires the allocation of resources needed to effectively study the mechanism and frequency of injury...and make informed policy decisions. US Lacrosse has made significant commitments in both of these areas, and we have been recognized within the national medical community and our group of peer organizations for those commitments. We are very proud of the leadership and accomplishments of our Sports Science & Safety Committee, which is comprised of some of the most respected sports medicine experts in the country.

While injuries can never be completely eliminated from youth sport, US Lacrosse shares the NATA's passion for reducing the risk of injury where possible and practical, as well as providing the parents of young athletes with the information they need to be better advocates for a safe sport's experience for their children.

Thank you for allowing US Lacrosse to be a part of the NATA's Youth Sports Safety Alliance, and we look forward to being a meaningful contributor to this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Stenersen".

Steve Stenersen
President & CEO

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