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To whom it may concern,

My understanding is that USA Cheer is petitioning the NCAA to move Stunt into emerging sport status in a push to make it an official NCAA-approved sport. As we were the only junior college that competed last year, I'd like to provide some input.

Adding Stunt has produced a number of benefits for ICC:

1. It has helped the school with their Title IX compliance.
2. Many of our athletes from last year were extremely excited to find out that they had an opportunity to continue competing at a 4-year institution which also had a Stunt team. Our students liked that they could compete against a 4-year school, because they appreciated the recruiting exposure this gave them to higher-level coaches.
3. We found that the individuals who participated in Stunt were more focused throughout the season, they were more united as a team, and they all returned to participate in Stunt and continue their education at ICC.

For these reasons, I strongly support finalizing the permanency of Stunt as an NCAA-approved sport.

Best,
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