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Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics The National Collegiate Athletic Association 700 W. Washington St. P.O. Box 6222 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222

Maryville University

Please accept this letter on behalf of **Maryville University** in support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. USA Cheer's initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sport list is important as it provides additional opportunities for women to participate in intercollegiate athletics and derive the important benefits from sports.

The mission of Maryville University's Athletic Program is to promote participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through intercollegiate athletics, which provides equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals. Additionally, we hired a knowledgeable and qualified Head Coach to support and uphold these qualities and aspirations.

We believe that the new sport of STUNT will help colleges and universities like ours provide a valuable sport offering that will significantly expand the number of female students and student-athletes on campus. With its 36-person roster, STUNT provides universities an effective way to expand female sports participation and improve compliance with Title IX.

We are committed to adding STUNT as a varsity sport at our institution.

We fully support the efforts of USA Cheer to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STUNT and urge the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve their proposal for formal designation.

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