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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

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League 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.

As a state high school athletic association, we share a similar mission to grow athletic opportunities for women and girls across our state.

We recognize the success STUNT has had so far in providing high school girls with more opportunities to play sports and we fully support STUNT's continued growth. In seven seasons STUNT has grown high school participation nationally across 10 states, with over 3,000,000 active school age participants/recruits across the country.

Providing our high school athletics with collegiate opportunities in STUNT will have a direct impact on the continued growth of STUNT at the high school level. Accordingly, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael P. Lunney'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Michael P. Lunney
Assistant Executive Director
Rhode Island Interscholastic League