

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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**University President** 

Please accept this letter on behalf of The University of Texas at Tyler 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.

Inspiring champions of today and leaders of tomorrow. The mission of The University of Texas at Tyler Athletic Department is to champion a balanced approach of personal development, academic success, community engagement, and athletic competition in support of the mission of the University.

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.

As a Provisional Division II University, we are always looking to improve our student athlete numbers. We are confident that STUNT will provide great opportunities on our campus. This will be our first year to enter a non-restricted competitive season and the first year to start our recruiting class to sign for the upcoming STUNT season. This is an exciting opportunity for our University and our collegiate program.

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. The University of Texas at Tyler Is currently adding STUNT as a women's sport. We encourage the NCAA committee to push to approve STUNT for emerging sports status.

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