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Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Please accept this letter on behalf of North Coast Section, California Interscholastic Federation, a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, 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, serving 179 high schools, NCS shares a similar mission to grow athletic opportunities for women and girls across our state. NCS/CIF has added the sport of Competitive Sport Cheer (commonly referred to as STUNT), and NCS has completed two seasons of competition as a spring sport. Three leagues have league schedules and the NCS Championship consisted of a competitive eight-team single elimination bracket. Schools in other league are starting to show interest in this exciting sport. The Section is committed to the growth of the sport, providing competitive opportunities for girls, opportunities that have not existed in previous years.

NCS recognizes 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 eight 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,

Gil Lemmon, Commissioner of Athletics