

July 1, 2019

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 Hiram College 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 Hiram College's Athletic Program is to promote participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through intercollegiate athletics, which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals.

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.

Hiram has recently added STUNT as a women's varsity sport and are heading into our second year of competition. Last year, as a first year program, we had 17 new incoming freshman and 6 current students who participated on the team. With 100% retention from our inaugural season, it is our expectation to reach a roster size of 33-36 by the 2019-20 academic year.

Hiram is excited about the addition of women's STUNT as a varsity sport and are looking forward to this upcoming competitive season. 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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Note: Hiram College Athletic Director position is in transition Hiram College does not currently have a Senior Wome	
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