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Please accept this letter on behalf of Oklahoma Baptist 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 important benefits from sports.

The mission of Oklahoma Baptist University's Athletic Program is to promote participation and sportsmanship to develop citizens through intercollegiate athletics, which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students with maximizing the achievement of educational goals. OBU works closely with USA Cheer to further the mission of our university through the growth and support of the OBU STUNT program.

OBU added STUNT as a varsity sport in 2016 and since has competed in four seasons of regular season games and four STUNT national tournaments. In 2018, an additional coach was added to the staff roster to focus solely on STUNT. In 2019, the STUNT program will follow NCAA eligibility and CARA guidelines. STUNT athletes at OBU are provided with the same funding, facilities, and training staff as all other athletes on campus.

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 have committed to adding STUNT as a varsity sport at our institution. Please see the Addendum to this letter for details on our implementation timeline and budget for STUNT as a varsity sport. 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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