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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 California Interscholastic Federation, Sac-Joaquin Section, in support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT (Competitive Sport Cheer) as an NCAA emerging sport. USA Cheer's initiative to place STUNT/CSC 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 added STUNT/CSC as an official sport two years ago; we've held both of our championships to packed and raucous gymnasiums. This year, we saw Lincoln High School win a championship after not even winning its league. Our top two teams – Lincoln and Woodcreek – would go on to compete in the state championships as well.

We recognize the success STUNT/CSC has had so far in providing high school girls with more opportunities to play sports and we fully support STUNT's continued growth. We anticipate STUNT/CSC becoming much larger at our high school ranks over the next several years. It's here to stay!

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,

Will DeBoard

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