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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 Wake County Public School System 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 the largest school system in North Carolina and fifteenth largest in the nation, we take the responsibility of leading the charge for equity in athletic offerings very seriously. We added STUNT as an official sport in 2014 and have watched this dynamic competitive athletic opportunity grow each year. We now have 16 large comprehensive high schools fielding teams and competing in a full regular season each spring. The season culminates in a traditional playoff format and championship event which attracts a large fanbase each year.

We recognize 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. We anticipate STUNT becoming an official sport state wide in the coming years as I field questions from other districts and the state association office frequently about implementing this new sport.

Providing our high school athletes with collegiate opportunities in STUNT will have a direct impact on the continued growth of STUNT at the high school level and increase equitable sport offerings nationwide. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deran Coe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deran" being more prominent than the last name "Coe".

Deran Coe
Director of Athletics for the Wake County Public School System