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Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Dear Committee on Women's Athletics:

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL) is aware of the efforts underway by USA Cheer to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. Their initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sport list is important as it provides additional opportunities for women to participate in athletics and derive the important educational benefits that come with participating in intercollegiate athletics.

The RIIL is a private, nonprofit 501(c) (3) service organization and rule-making body that was formed in 1899 to create equitable playing conditions between high school sports teams in Rhode Island. The RIIL consists of nearly 60 member high schools, both public and private. Our administrative staff handles RIIL policies, rules and regulations and provides many day to day support services to member schools.

Although we have not yet instituted STUNT as one of our sponsored cheer championships, there is definite interest from our member schools. In the past couple of years, we have had college STUNT teams attend our Competitive Cheer Championships and perform STUNT as an Exhibition to our coaches, teams and spectators. The concept and structure was well received so we certainly 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,

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