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The Honorable Leonard Lance
U.S. House of Representatives
426 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re. Support for H.R. 2600

Dear Congressman Lance:

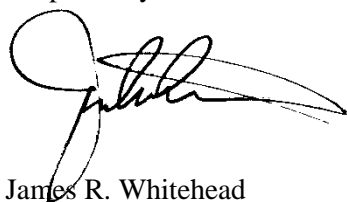
On behalf of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), I am pleased to write you in strong support of House Resolution 2600. This legislation would go a long way toward implementing the National Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury Plan, helping those in every state recover from brain injuries. As you know, more than 80,000 American youth are hospitalized each year after suffering brain injuries from many causes, ranging from sports-related concussion to shaken baby syndrome, auto accidents and blasts suffered during military service.

The statistics are as frightening as the prospect of a single family suffering catastrophic injury or a nation losing the productivity of so many citizens. By establishing Lead Centers of Excellence in every state, H.R. 2600 would make expert, evidence-based care available to all. Currently, too many Americans lack access to these services due to uneven availability of specialized facilities and appropriate medical professionals.

The members of ACSM share a commitment to improve health through science, education and medicine. Founded in 1954, ACSM is the professional home for thousands of clinical physicians, educators and researchers. We are the largest organization in the world dedicated to sports medicine and exercise science, representing more than 45,000 members and certified professionals from a variety of medical specialties, allied health and scientific disciplines.

Thank you for your leadership in sponsoring this important legislation and best of luck with its passage. If we may be of further assistance, please contact me at (317) 637-9200 or jwhitehead@acsm.org.

Respectfully,



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