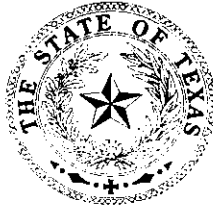


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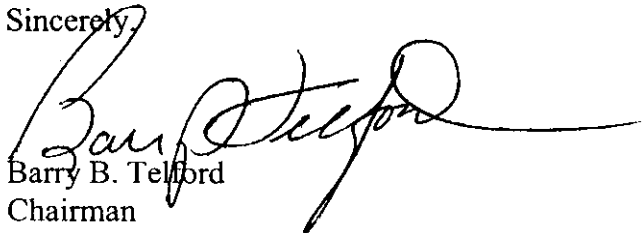
Dear General Cornyn:

Please find enclosed a letter addressed to you from Mr. Kent Waldrep, President and CEO of the Kent Waldrep National Paralysis Foundation.

Both Mr. Waldrep and I would appreciate a specific Attorney General's Opinion regarding the creation of "safe sports week." Mr. Waldrep's main concern revolves around a previous opinion JM-431 and your clarification in this area would be most valuable.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,


Barry B. Telford
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cc: Rep. Brian McCall



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Dear Mr. Cornyn:

I am writing to request a letter from you regarding Article 3 Section 52 of the Texas Constitution, which addresses the distribution of public funds to private entities. This organization, together with the National Athletic Trainers Association's Research and Education Foundation is proposing a "Texas Safe Sports Week" the week of October 11, 1999. Governor Bush has already given his blessing to the promotion of this week and will be granting a proclamation to designate the week as such.

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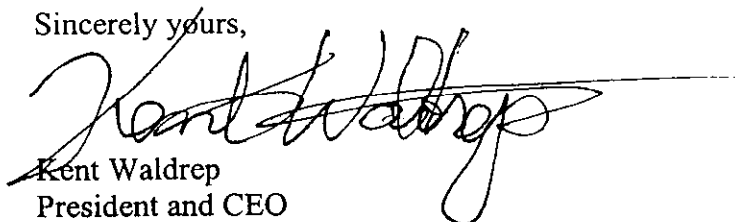
The purpose for creating a "Texas Safe Sports Week" is:

- ◆ to create a public awareness and provide educational materials to school administrations, athletic staffs, and various organizations concerned for those individuals who do suffer injury while participating in athletics;
- ◆ to create a public awareness that there is a risk involved in all life activities;
- ◆ to create a public awareness to the benefits of athletics in the educational setting; and
- ◆ to raise funds for research into the prevention and rehabilitation of athletic injury.

Your help in providing a letter approving the participation of school districts around the state would answer any legal questions that might arise. We are confident that with your positive opinion letter, the first "Texas Safe Sports Week" would be a huge success and would also celebrate the 100th anniversary of Texas High School Football.

You may address your letter to me with "Texas Safe Sports Week" at the Foundation's address. We very much appreciate your approval of this letter at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,



Kent Waldrep
President and CEO