



Dear Football Community:

As we continue to advance football through entry points and options, coach education and continuous improvements to the sport, lawmakers in select states have proposed legislation to ban tackle football for young athletes.

USA Football [encourages discussion](#) and debate regarding this topic. We welcome opportunities to demonstrate the football community's shared commitment and consensus-building that benefits kids playing youth tackle football. Our collective, forward-thinking actions with support from other leaders across medicine and sports, has led to our game being taught and played safer than ever before with nationally endorsed standards.

I'm writing to share a Feb. 10 commentary published by the Minneapolis Star Tribune: [26 brain injury experts](#) in neurosurgery, neuropsychology, neurology, neuropathology and public policy spanning 23 universities and hospitals in the United States and Canada shared the current state of scientific ambiguity as it relates to contact sports, and why more needs to be known before policy is enacted.

This information must be understood by those who seek to ban tackle football. We encourage you to share this news with your state and local legislators. Our team at USA Football will do the same.

We will continue to stress that **Entry Points and Options + Coaching Education + Continuous Improvements within Football = Positive Experiences** for young athletes and their families.

We have a unique opportunity to unify and defend football, its importance and the good work being done.

More to come.

Sincerely,

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