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## **Mission**

To empower girls and women through wrestling to become leaders in life.

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Jean Berger, Executive Director, IGHSAU

Dear Ms. Berger,

Thank you for your leadership across the state of lowa within your role as the IGHSAU Executive Director. Since you have taken the post, knowing you were the first female in history to do so, we have been following your work and the amplification you give to girl's in sport does not go unnoticed.

Ms. Berger, I am reaching out to gain your support for adding Girl's High School Wrestling as a sanctioned sport. Adding Girl's Wrestling creates a pipeline of educational, financial and social mobility for female wrestlers that have been invisible to stakeholders across the state for too long. Wrestling has been long-known to create leaders, and our female wrestlers are just as deserving of this opportunity as their male counterparts.

Getting IGHSAU to sanction Girl's High School Wrestling will be crucial, especially as we work alongside other national wrestling entities to Champion NCAA Emerging Sport Status, with the follow-on goal of NCAA Champion Status with the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics. The combined scholastic and collegiate mobility opportunites will open doors to prepare the very deserving lowa female athletes to become leaders and fill crucial roles that our nation needs.

We will be proud to stand alongside you as you create this opportunity for girls, knowing it supports the larger picture of female leadership through sports.

In Sport,

Sally Roberts

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