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Dear Mr. Cahalan:

Thank you for getting in touch with me about the Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act (S. 2840). It's good to hear from you.

I am sorry to hear what happened to your daughter Abby. I have always been a strong supporter of high school and college athletics. I believe they enhance a young person's academic experience and provide positive alternatives to drugs and violence. Title IX expanded access to athletics for young women. We must work to encourage young people to participate in sports safely so that they can continue to benefit from them.

I appreciate your letting me know that this legislation would establish concussion management guidelines that address the prevention, identification, treatment, and management of concussions in school-aged children, including standards for student athletes to return to play after a concussion. I will keep my eye on this bill. It is currently pending in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). I will keep your support in mind as we continue to consider this important legislation.

Thanks once again for writing. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,
Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator

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