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Dear Professor Fried,

Congratulations on your recognition by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education as a recipient of the Sport Management Outstanding Achievement Award. Although belatedly, I send my warmest compliments on this honor, which aptly celebrates your wide-ranging influence and impact on our nation's sports industries.

At the University of New Haven, you have vitalized the sports management program and increased interest in the field. With a practical but engaged approach, you have guided countless students in following their ambitions and interests. In addition, you have contributed greatly to scholarship on sports management and finance, to include your books, which are used around the nation and world.

Specifically, I appreciate your efforts regarding youth and fan safety in sports and spectatorship. The Patron Management Institute does important work, advocating for reform, providing an arena for innovative thinking, and protecting the vulnerable and unsuspecting from harm. This risk-management approach has many practical, global applications and has helped advance effective management throughout the country.

Congratulations, again, on receiving this special distinction. You represent the University of New Haven and Connecticut on a national stage and serve as a model for all who wish to protect and improve sports for future generations.

Sincerely,

Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senator