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I am running for the South Central Representative position of P.A.T.S. As an athletic trainer that has been an athlete and a colleague in this area, I feel that my experience will allow me to well represent the needs of the athletic trainers throughout our area. I choose to run for this position because I am at point in my career where I can help make a positive impact in my profession and I feel there is no better way than doing it at the state level. It has been my pleasure to have worked so closely with the P.A.T.S executive board over the past few years in the creation of the technical school statewide curriculum and it would be an honor to be able to give back.

I have been a certified athletic trainer for 16 years with most of the years being in the secondary school setting and two years in professional baseball for the York Revolution of the Atlantic League. For the past 5 years, I have been working in a technical school teaching students that have an interest in pursuing careers in the rehabilitative sciences. I had the pleasure of doing my undergraduate work at Lock Haven University. After a 10 year hiatus from school, I returned to Eastern University to work toward earning my K-12 Health and Physical Education teaching certificate and my Masters of Education which I completed in December of 2012. In June of 2017, my schooling will finally be complete when I graduate from A.T. Still University from their Doctor of Athletic Training program. My culminating project at A.T. Still was an original research project that focused on grade point average and academic performance. In addition to my athletic training certification, I have an Instructional II Health and Physical Education PA teaching certificate, a Health Related Technology vocational rider, and a Rehabilitation Aide vocational rider.

If elected to the executive board, I think that I would be able to bring a different perspective to the position coming from teaching high school. Although not currently working in a clinical setting, my involvement with the formation of a statewide secondary curriculum would allow me to provide a different view on the profession, and would allow me to work very closely with schools in South Central Pennsylvania and across the state to continue to enhance that curriculum. The opportunity to speak with athletic trainers from multiple states gave me the opportunity to hear about other athletic training associations and some of the individuals that spoke to me are in awe of what PATS has been able to do to enhance the profession of athletic training in Pennsylvania at all levels. The future of PATS is very bright. We have a very forward thinking, progressive organization. My contribution to the organization would be to help to continue to enhance PATS. I look to provide leadership and perspective as your next South central representative in an ever changing healthcare field while continuing to strengthen our

position as healthcare professionals.

I have been a residence of York, PA my entire life. I currently reside in Mount Wolf, PA with my wife, Maria, and our three children, Leah (8), Trey (6) and Farrah (2). In my free time, I enjoy coaching my children's sports teams and I am currently the assistant general manager for my son's baseball organization. I think that anyone that knows me would describe me as a passionate person that takes great pride in any organizations that I am affiliated. I will use that same passion in my position as your South Central Representative.