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I am running for the position of Southcentral regional representative on the PATS Executive Board. This position serves as liaison between PATS members in the region and the Executive Board. As your representative, I will keep all members informed with the latest news and events involving the state organization and our profession. I am running for this position to continue to be involved in the PATS organization, which would be an honor to represent the region in which I have called home for over 20 years.

Currently, I am the Athletic Trainer & Assistant Athletic Director for Garden Spot Middle / High School of the Eastern Lancaster County School District in New Holland. I earned my undergraduate (Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training – 2011) and graduate degrees (Master of Science in Kinesiology – 2014) from Temple University in Philadelphia. In addition to those degrees, I also completed my Registered Athletic Administrator certification through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. I have a NPI number and have been an active member of NATA, EATA, & PATS since joining as a student member during my freshman year of college in 2007. I have served as a committee member for the PATS Young Professionals committee from 2014-2015.

Prior to my time at Garden Spot, I was the Athletic Trainer at Manheim Central School District with Central PA Rehabilitation Services for the previous two school years, where I was a preceptor to athletic training students attending the athletic training program at Millersville University / West Chester University. I was also the Graduate Extern Athletic Trainer with Temple University Football and preceptor to Temple University's athletic training program while attending graduate school and have completed an NFL internship as well. My experiences from working in the professional, collegiate, and secondary school settings have allowed me to learn to promote an optimal environment of health and safety without compromising the integrity of the profession. Aside from residing in Philadelphia during my time at Temple, I am a lifelong native of the Lancaster-Lebanon area.

If elected to the Southcentral representative position, I will work to continue the NPI initiative in this region. It is important for athletic trainers to continue to be recognized as highly qualified healthcare professionals, and the first step is urging all athletic trainers to obtain a NPI number. Additionally, it is important for this position to serve as a viable resource and support all athletic trainers across all settings in the region who may be looking for guidance, including both the young professionals in the area, as well as any new athletic trainer moving into this region. I will work to advocate for the athletic training profession throughout the region and state and promote the great work of all our members, as well as disseminate information from the executive board to our members.

I currently live in Mount Joy, Lancaster County, with my fiancée, Jessica. I enjoy traveling, golfing, and spending time with family and friends. I am a confident, passionate, and enthusiastic individual, and I would be honored to serve as your Southcentral representative. Thank you for your consideration.