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Honorable Thomas Murt
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Dear Representative Murt:

As the President of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATs), which represents the more than 3,000 Licensed Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth, I respectfully urge you to consider revising the current language in HB 849.

Within the bill it is stated that a "physician, physician assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner" be in attendance at every professional wrestling contest or exhibition. I would implore you to amend the bill to also include Licensed Athletic Trainers. Athletic Trainers are multi-skilled health care professionals who are licensed and regulated by the State Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine to provide health care services for those who are physically active. The activities that you describe in this bill on page one line 17 through 19 and on page two line 1 through 2 are responsibilities of athletic trainers in their daily practice as defined in the Medical and Osteopathic Practice Acts under *Athletic Training Services*.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this topic, or Athletic Trainers, with you and/or answer any questions you may have. More information on PATs or Licensed Athletic Trainers can be found at www.gopats.org. Please feel free to contact me at president@gopats.org.

Respectfully,

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