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Honorable Peter Schweyer
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Dear Representative Schweyer:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) is writing this letter in support of the intended resolution by you and Rep. Murt to designate March 2017 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in the Commonwealth.

Athletic Trainers are healthcare professionals trained in concussion management (mild traumatic brain injury) and work in varying work settings. Our goal is to enhance the health and welfare of our clients by providing prevention, diagnosis and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions, including concussions.

Our Society has been working closely with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Governor's Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board since 2011. A member of our Society is an active member of the board. After the passage of the Safety in Youth Sports Act in 2011, PATS partnered with Sports Safety International (SSI) to develop a DOH approved ConcussionWise™ training course that met the requirements of the Act for athletes, coaches and parents. The DOH then asked us to partner with them after they were awarded a federal grant for concussion education. We revisited our partnership with SSI and developed ConcussionWise™ programs for physicians, physician assistants, nurses and athletic trainers, and continue to offer the program for coaches, athletes and parents.

PATS is willing to be of any assistance that you would need. More information on PATS or Licensed Athletic Trainers can be found at www.gopats.org. Please contact me at president@gopats.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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