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Honorable Ed Neilson  
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Dear Representative Neilson:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) would like to express our support of your proposed legislation that seeks to incorporate CPR into high school health curriculums.

According to a statement by the American Red Cross on June 1, 2016; sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives of thousands of people in our country every year. They go on to say that having training in CPR and the proper use of an AED can give a person the "knowledge and confidence to respond during an emergency situation with the skills that can help save a life". Empowering our youth with this knowledge could lead to increased survival rates for our citizens.

PATS strongly supports your efforts to improve the health and well-being of the citizens in the Commonwealth by helping to reduce the possibility of death from a cardiac event.

PATS is willing to be of any assistance that you would need. If you would like more information on PATS or Licensed Athletic Trainers, it can be found at [www.gopats.org](http://www.gopats.org). Please contact me at [president@gopats.org](mailto:president@gopats.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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PATS President

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