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Honorable R. Lee James
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Dear Representative James:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS), representing the 3,000 Licensed Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth, we want to express our support of your intended legislation to require school entities to offer CPR training to students in grades nine through twelve.

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.

Information on PATS or Athletic Trainers can be found at www.gopats.org. PATS is available as a resource for you. If you have any questions about our profession please contact me at president@gopats.org.

Sincerely,

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