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**Senator Stewart Greenleaf  
Senate Box 203012  
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**Senator Greenleaf:**

**The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATs) is writing this letter in support of your Senate Resolution to designate March 2015 as Brain Injury Awareness Month. We would like to thank you and Senator Dinniman for introducing this resolution.**

**Athletic Trainers are healthcare professionals trained in concussion management (mild traumatic brain injury) and work in varying work settings. A primary professional setting of Athletic Trainers in PA is in the secondary school and our goal is to enhance student-athlete health and welfare 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. We recently partnered with the DOH to enhance concussion education for Coaches, Parents and Student-Athletes of all ages through a federal grant awarded the DOH. Previously, PATs partnered with Sports Safety International (SSI) to develop a DOH approved ConcussionWise™ training course that met the requirements of the Safety in Youth Sports Act. This federal grant will allow for continued education of this program in educational sessions held in different regions of PA. PATs has also partnered with SSI and the PA Medical Society to develop a ConcussionWise™ training course for physicians in PA. This program will allow physicians to strengthen their knowledge and to be recognized on a national database kept by SSI as a trained provider of concussion management.**

**PATs strongly supports your resolution to recognize Brain Injuries within the Commonwealth. PATs is available as a resource for you. If you have any questions about our profession please contact me at [president@gopats.org](mailto:president@gopats.org).**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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