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Senator Mario Scavello
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Senator Scavello,

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) wholly supports the resolution that you and Senator Baker will be introducing in the Senate designating the week of June 1-7, 2016 as "Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week".

Public safety, injury and illness prevention, and early intervention are keystones to the practice of athletic training. Athletic Trainers have been involved in saving the lives of numerous individuals across the Commonwealth with the use of CPR and AEDs. Early intervention with CPR and an AED in the event of a sudden cardiac issue increases the chance of survival. The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation reports that victims of sudden cardiac arrest can survive with the use of immediate CPR and early defibrillation, ideally within three to five minutes after collapse. Athletic Trainers are uniquely located in interscholastic, collegiate and professional athletics, as well as rehabilitative and occupational clinics and hospitals, to be able to provide early recognition of a sudden cardiac event, to activate the local emergency response system and to provide early resuscitation and defibrillation.

Information on PATS or Athletic Trainers can be found at www.gopats.org. PATS is available as a resource and would appreciate any questions you may have. Please contact PATS at president@gopats.org.

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