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Representative DeLuca:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) is writing this letter in support of the proposed re-introduction of legislation that would prohibit restrictive non-compete clauses in employment contracts for healthcare providers (formerly HB 2327).

Athletic Trainers are licensed healthcare professionals that promote the health and welfare of our clients in the Commonwealth through the prevention, diagnosis, and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions involving impairment, functional limitations, and disabilities.

Many Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth work through hospitals and clinics that insist on non-compete clauses in their contracts. As you are aware, this is very limiting to a person who may leave their place of employment, and due to the non-compete clause, are unable to look for employment in their community and have to uproot themselves and their families or increase their commute to work.

PATS strongly supports your efforts to prohibit the restrictive non-compete clauses for healthcare providers in the Commonwealth.

Information on PATS or Athletic Trainers can be found at www.gopats.org. PATS is available as a resource to you and any questions you may have about the profession can be sent to president@gopats.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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