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Honorable Thomas P. Murt
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Dear Representative Murt:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATs), would like to express our support of the re-introduction of HB 1761. The Recreational Therapy profession has a long history of patient centered healthcare worldwide. As with other healthcare professionals in the Commonwealth, including Athletic Trainers, the highest standard of protection for the consumer and the ability to ensure the highest level of standard of care, is licensure within the Commonwealth.

As you are aware, recreational therapists provide much needed intervention for specific populations in need within the Commonwealth. A re-introduction of HB 1761 will allow for appropriate definitions of rules and regulations, as well as scope of practice, which will only enhance this profession. PATs strongly supports providing for appropriate licensing and supervision of recreational therapists in the Commonwealth.

PATs is willing to be of any assistance that you would. If you would like more information on PATs or Licensed Athletic Trainers, it can be found at www.gopats.org. Please contact me at president@gopats.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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