



John L. Moyer Jr., LAT, ATC
Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society, Inc.
President

610-496-4192
president@gopats.org

October 6, 2014
Representative Paul Clymer
Chair: House Education Committee
216 Ryan Office Bldg.
PO Box 202145
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2145

Representative Clymer:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) is writing this letter in support of a House Resolution to investigate the efficacy of the Safety and Youth Sports Act that is being introduced by Rep. Stephenson and Rep. Briggs.

Athletic Trainers are healthcare professionals trained in concussion management 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.

PATS worked closely with Rep. Briggs during the passage of the Safety in Youth Sports Act of 2011, as well as many other stakeholders including the Brain Injury Coalition of PA. After the law was passed, PATS contacted the Department of Health (DOH) as a resource to help develop training courses on concussions. PATS is now an approved provider of the ConcussionWise™ training course for the DOH and provides the service as an online tool but has also provided many regional meeting sites to distribute the course since the implementation of the law.

PATS believes the outcome of this resolution to review and evaluate the current application of the law is highly beneficial to the Commonwealth. Proper care and management of concussions from the onset to the resolution of symptoms is a primary focus of Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth. Education of parents, coaches and especially student-athletes will continue to be an emphasis of PATS. PATS lends itself as a resource to this endeavor. If we can be of any further assistance to all of those involved in this resolution, please contact us at president@gopats.org.

Respectfully submitted,

John Moyer, LAT, ATC
PATS President

CC: Rep. Mike Turzai: House Leader

The Keystone to a Healthy and Physically Active Life

gopats.org | twitter.com/gopatsAT | facebook.com/gopatsAT