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Honorable Dan L. Miller
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Dear Representative Miller:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS), representing the 3,000 Licensed Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth, we want to express our support of HB 2057 that will facilitate mental health screenings for youth within the Commonwealth.

Mental health considerations have increasingly become a concern among our youth. Our National Athletic Training Association issued a statement in 2014 that a mental health screening should be a part of the health history of all pre-participation physical examinations. This should include questions to determine the mental health status of the student-athlete as well as a plan for referral and follow-up. Mental health concerns have become part of the overall welfare management of student-athletes by our Licensed Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth in collaboration with mental health professionals.

PATS strongly supports your efforts to improve the health and well-being of our youth in the Commonwealth by helping to identify those that may need mental health services.

Information on PATS or Athletic Trainers can be found at www.gopats.org. PATS is available as a resource for you. If you have any questions about our profession please contact me at president@gopats.org.

Sincerely,

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