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February 22, 2019

Senator Judith Schwank Senate Box 203011 Harrisburg, PA 17120-3011

Dear Senator Schwank:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) is writing this letter in support of your intended resolution to designate March 2019 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in the Commonwealth.

PATS is a volunteer organization representing over 3,000 athletic trainers in Pennsylvania. Licensed Athletic Trainers are highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals that work under the direction of a physician and are trained to respond to emergent situations, including brain injuries. Our Society has been working closely with the Department of Health (DOH), the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board, and the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania, Inc. since 2011 on education initiatives for families, students, physicians, physician assistants and school nurses. We are currently expanding that education to youth organizations throughout the Commonwealth through our collaboration with the DOH.

PATS strongly supports your resolution and we appreciate your efforts in recognizing TBI and efforts to help those affected.

PATS is willing to be of any assistance that you would need. More information on PATS or Licensed Athletic Trainers can be found at <u>www.gopats.org</u>. Please contact me at <u>president@gopats.org</u> with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Senator Thomas Killion Senate Box 203009 Harrisburg, PA 17120-3009

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