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Senator Thomas Killion
Senate Box 203009
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Room: 463 Main Capitol

Dear Senator Killion:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society, representing the 3,000 Licensed Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth, we want to express our support of your intended legislation to require hands-only CPR training in secondary schools.

As you are aware, the American Heart Association has been actively campaigning Hands-Only CPR for the past few years. The American Red Cross has also endorsed hands-only CPR. Chest compressions performed by bystanders, without mouth-to-mouth breathing, has been shown to increase a person's chance of survival according to studies conducted by the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center. They have even found an increase in survival compared to traditional CPR with mouth breathing. Empowering our youth with this knowledge could lead to increased survival rates.

PATS strongly supports your efforts to improve the health and well-being of the citizens in the Commonwealth by helping to reduce the possibility of death from a cardiac event.

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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