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Honorable Karen Boback
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Dear Representative Boback:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATs) wholly supports HR 822 designating April 2020 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

PATs represents over 3000 Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth. Athletic Trainers are healthcare professionals that work in many settings including secondary schools, collegiate athletics, as physician extenders, in rehabilitation and occupational clinics and in hospitals. Athletic Trainers protect and enhance the health and welfare of the individuals we care for through the prevention, diagnosis, and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions.

PATs is among the many healthcare professionals that have mandatory child abuse recognition training during every renewal period to maintain our license to practice athletic training. We fully acknowledge the necessity of this training and our position as mandated reporters in the Commonwealth. PATs believes that all of our members are positioned to help prevent the "maltreatment of our youngest population" and to promote the "safety and well-being of all children".

PATs is willing to be of any assistance that you would need. Please contact me at presidentPATs01@gmail.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

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