



**George M. Roberts, MEd, LAT, ATC**  
Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society, Inc.  
*President*

814-434-5418  
president@gopats.org

---

January 14, 2019

Honorable Thomas Caltagirone  
106 Irvis Office Building  
PO Box 202127  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2127

Dear Representative Caltagirone:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) is writing this letter in support HB 171 that would ban restrictive covenants in employment agreements.

Athletic Trainers are licensed healthcare professionals that promote the health and welfare of our clients in the Commonwealth through the prevention, diagnosis, and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions.

Many Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth work through hospitals and clinics that insist on restrictive covenants in their contracts. As you are aware, this is very limiting to a person who may leave their place of employment, and due to this agreement, are unable to look for employment in their community and have to uproot themselves and their families or increase their commute to work.

PATS strongly supports your efforts to ban restrictive covenants in the Commonwealth.

Information on PATS or Athletic Trainers can be found at [www.gopats.org](http://www.gopats.org). PATS is willing to be of any assistance that you would need. Please contact me at [president@gopats.org](mailto:president@gopats.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

George M. Roberts, MEd, LAT, ATC  
PATS President

---

*The Keystone to a Healthy and Physically Active Life*

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