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Honorable Stephen Barrar
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Dear Representative Barrar:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) representing licensed athletic trainers in the Commonwealth would like to add our support to HB 432 to amend the Workers' Compensation Act to include post-traumatic stress injury as an occupational disease for EMS, Police and Fire Fighters within the state.

Athletic Trainers are often working alongside first responders during emergent situations at local and statewide events. PATS fully supports your efforts to provide benefits for psychological injuries to first responders. This necessary medical benefit can only help those individuals through traumatic events to be able to continue in their commendable occupations at the best of their abilities.

PATS continues to support the need for increased access to mental health care throughout our Commonwealth. As a society, we appreciate your efforts in recognizing post-traumatic stress injuries and your willingness 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 www.gopats.org. Please contact me at president@gopats.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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