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Honorable Rosemary M. Brown
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Dear Representative Brown:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) wholly supports HR 809 designating the month of October 2020 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness 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, including sudden cardiac issues.

PATS has been a leader in education for SCA in Pennsylvania and collaborated with Sport Safety International with consent from the PA Department of Health (DOH) to develop a first-of-its-kind education program entitled CardiacWise™. CardiacWise™ is a DOH approved online prevention educational tool available to parents, coaches and others involved in not only athletics, but daily physical activity. Please find the included link to CardiacWise™: <https://www.sportsafetyinternational.org/cardiacwise-pats/>. We continue to provide this educational tool at no cost and continue to be a resource and advocate for education in all areas of Sudden Cardiac episodes.

PATS is willing to be of any assistance that you would need. Please contact me at presidentPATS01@gmail.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

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

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