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Senator John Sabatina Jr.
Senate Box 203005
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Dear Senator Sabatina:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATs) would like to express our support of your intended legislation that would add recreational therapists to the Medical Practice Act of 1985. PATs is a volunteer organization representing over 3,000 athletic trainers in Pennsylvania. Athletic Trainers are licensed healthcare professionals in the Commonwealth and our goal is to enhance the health and welfare of our patients by providing prevention, diagnosis and intervention of emergency, acute, and chronic medical conditions.

The Recreational Therapy profession has a long history of patient centered healthcare worldwide. By licensing recreational therapists, the Commonwealth is ensuring the highest standard of protection for the consumer as well as ensuring the highest level of standard of care.

As you are aware, recreational therapists provide necessary intervention for specific populations in need within the Commonwealth. A re-introduction of SB 109 will allow for appropriate definitions of rules and regulations, as well as scope of practice, which will only enhance this profession.

PATs strongly supports providing for appropriate licensing and supervision of recreational therapists in the Commonwealth.

Information on PATs or Athletic Trainers can be found at www.gopats.org. PATs is willing to be of any assistance that you would need. Please contact me at president@gopats.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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