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Senator Thomas Killion
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Dear Senator Killion:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) would again like to express our support of SB 115 that would assist in providing the ability for CPR instruction in high school.

According to American Heart Association, "Cardiac arrest...is a leading cause of death. CPR ... can double or triple a person's chance of survival." Empowering our youth with this knowledge could lead to increased survival rates for our citizens. According to School CPR, 38 states and the District of Columbia require mandatory CPR training prior to graduation; three other states have guidelines for providing CPR to students. <https://schoolcpr.com/about/states-where-cpr-training-is-mandatory-for-high-school-graduation/>

PATS strongly supports your efforts to improve the health and well-being of the citizens in the Commonwealth by helping to reduce the possibility of death from a cardiac event.

Please contact me at president@gopats.org if PATS can be of any further support.

Sincerely,

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