

May 13, 2020

The Honorable Scott Lipps
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street
13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Jeff Newman and I am the Head Baseball Coach at the Mount St. Joseph University. I have worked with athletic trainers in their capacity to provide health care services for 15 years.

As a part of the healthcare team, services provided by ATs include injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. The bill before the Committee updates the athletic training scope of practice act, which has not had a comprehensive update since its original enactment nearly 30 years ago. Similar to other health care professions, athletic training has evolved over the years along with the changes in therapeutic interventions, the delivery of care models, training and education changes.

The changes in the bill will further strengthen the care coordination model with the physician serving at the center of the care and the athletic trainer working closely with the patient to deliver optimal health outcomes. The bill will formalize the relationship through a collaboration agreement. It will also recognize that athletic trainers as licensed health care providers, may be able to administer life-saving prescription drugs, such as an epi-pen. In addition, with the national education requirements of all graduating entry level athletic trainers to have a master's of athletic training from a CAATE program in 2022, the bill will ensure athletic trainers in Ohio will be able to practice at the top of their license.

With the passage of HB 484 athletic trainers in Ohio will be able to practice at the top of their license to ensure we retain athletic trainers, and attract graduates to practice in Ohio. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. I respectfully request your support of HB 484.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Dr. Nancy Hinzman, and I am the Assistant Dean of Nursing at Mount St. Joseph University. As program director for undergraduate and graduate nursing, I have worked alongside ATs for over 20 years and witnessed the growth in their profession during that time.

As a part of the healthcare team, services provided by ATs include injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. ATs work side by side with school nurses to address the healthcare needs of students in the high schools. ATs facilitate care for concussions and manage student's chronic conditions such as diabetes so that students can play sports safely. The ATs and school nurses work on emergency action planning.

The bill before the Committee updates the athletic training scope of practice act, which has not had a comprehensive update since its original enactment nearly 30 years ago.

As proposed, this bill will strengthen the ability of ATs to implement emergency action plans which are currently in place for students in the schools enabling them to administer life-saving prescription drugs, such as an epi-pen, albuterol, naloxone, and glucagon. Given the risks to patients, having additional staff able to perform such skills will have significant impact.

With the passage of HB 484 athletic trainers in Ohio will be able to practice at the top of their license to ensure we retain athletic trainers, and attract graduates to practice in Ohio. Having worked with AT educators and students, I am certain that this bill is long overdue. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. I respectfully request your support of HB 484.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Nancy Hinzman
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Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Albert Steven Goffinett, and I am an athletic trainer at Wilson Health. I have worked with athletic trainers in their capacity to provide health care services for 30 years.

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Sincerely,

A.S. Woody Goffinett, MBA, ATC, AT, EMT-P, FF1

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Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Anastasia Fischer, and I am a Sports Medicine Physician at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University College of Medicine. I have worked with athletic trainers in their capacity to provide health care services for over 15 years.

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Sincerely,

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May 15, 2020

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Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Jason Hageman, and I am a family medicine and sports medicine physician at Mercy Health in Delphos, Ohio. On a daily basis I work with athletic trainers at several local high schools and two universities to care for our student-athletes. I have worked with athletic trainers in their capacity to provide health care services for over 10 years.

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Sincerely,

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Jason Hageman, MD

May 11, 2020

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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Cathy Wells and I am a Manager at Kettering Sports Medicine part of the Kettering Health Network. I have worked with athletic trainers in their capacity to provide health care services for 25 years and have learned to value the level of expertise, flexibility and professionalism they exhibit every day.

As an essential component of the healthcare team, services provided by ATS include injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. The bill before the Committee updates the athletic training scope of practice act, which has not been updated since its original enactment nearly 30 years ago. Similar to other health care professions, athletic training has evolved over the years along with the changes in therapeutic interventions, the delivery of care models, training and education changes.

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Sincerely,



Cathy Wells
Manager of Kettering Sports Medicine

May 12, 2020

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Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Albert Steven Goffinett, and I am an athletic trainer at Wilson Health. I have worked with athletic trainers in their capacity to provide health care services for 30 years.

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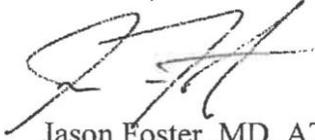
I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Jason Foster, MD, ATC, and I am a sports medicine fellowship trained family physician at Adena Health System. I have worked with athletic trainers in their capacity to provide health care services for nine years.

As a part of the healthcare team, services provided by ATS include injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. The bill before the Committee updates the athletic training scope of practice act, which has not had a comprehensive update since its original enactment nearly 30 years ago. Similar to other health care professions, athletic training has evolved over the years along with the changes in therapeutic interventions, the delivery of care models, training and education changes.

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Sincerely,

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Jason Foster, MD. A Jason Oster, MD, ATC
Adena Health System
Adena Bone and Joint Center

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Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) regarding the modernization of the athletic trainers' practice act, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is James Tytko, and I am a physician at Kettering Sports Medicine. I have worked with athletic trainers for over 25 years in our sports medicine clinics and as a team physician.

Athletic trainers play a vital role in the healthcare team. ATs provide services such as injury and illness prevention, emergency care, evaluation of injury and illness, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. Ohio was one of the first states to license athletic trainers, and their practice act has not had a comprehensive update since that time. Athletic training and sports medicine have evolved since ATs first became licensed in the 1990s. Changes in treatment techniques, therapeutic interventions, the delivery of care models, and education have all occurred.

The changes in the bill will strengthen the care coordination model with the physician serving at the center of the care and the athletic trainer working closely with the patient to deliver optimal health outcomes. The bill also recognizes that athletic trainers are able to administer life-saving prescription drugs, such as inhalers and epi-pens. Additionally, the national education requirements for graduates of CAATE accredited programs will require all graduating entry level athletic trainers to have a master's of athletic training beginning in 2022. The bill ensures athletic trainers in Ohio will be able to utilize their entire knowledge base and provide the highest level of care to their patients. By enacting HB 484, graduates from Ohio colleges and universities will be more likely to stay and practice athletic training in Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. I respectfully request your support of HB 484.

Sincerely,



James Tytko, MD
Kettering Sports Medicine
Medical Director

Dear Chairman Lipps and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB 484 (Carfagna, Abrams) Athletic Training, which is currently pending before the House Health Committee. My name is Craig D. Hockenberry and I am the Superintendent of School at Three Rivers Local School district. I have worked with athletic trainers in their capacity to provide health care services for 6 years in my current position.

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With the passage of HB 484 athletic trainers in Ohio will be able to practice at the top of their license to ensure we retain athletic trainers, and attract graduates to practice in Ohio. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. I respectfully request your support of HB 484.

Sincerely,
Craig D. Hockenberry
Superintendent
Three Rivers Local