



May 21, 2015

The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
United States House of Representatives  
2434 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Guthrie:

On behalf of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), I am writing to thank you for introducing the ***Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act of 2015*** (H.R.921).

NATA is a professional membership organization with 40,000 members who are health care professionals that specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries. Athletic trainers prevent and treat musculoskeletal injuries from sports, physical and occupational activity, and provide immediate care for acute injuries and continuing care for chronic conditions.

As you know, the *Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act of 2015* is a bill that provides legal protection for athletic trainers and sports medicine professionals who travel to other states with an athletic team to provide care for that team.

Currently, athletic trainers are limited to practicing sports medicine within their jurisdiction due to the potential loss of medical liability insurance when crossing state lines. H.R.921 aims to preserve athletes' and athletic teams' access to sports medicine professionals who provide high-quality health care services and a continuum of care.

We very much appreciate your leadership in this effort. If I can be of any assistance to you or your staff on any issue, please feel free to contact me or Amy Callender, NATA's director of government affairs directly at 972.532.8853 or [amyc@nata.org](mailto:amyc@nata.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Thornton', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Jim Thornton, MS, ATC, PES  
NATA President