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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Guthrie:

On behalf of the physician and medical student members of the American Medical Association (AMA), I am writing in support of H.R. 921, the "Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act of 2015." If enacted, this bill would provide key protections for sports medicine professionals, including physicians, who provide medical services in a secondary state.

Liability insurance does not typically provide coverage outside the state where a physician is licensed to practice. This means that when physicians or other sports medicine professionals travel with their athletes they may not be covered. To remedy this problem, your bill would deem services provided in a non-covered state to have been provided in the physician's primary state of licensure when determining applicable liability laws and the professional's liability insurance coverage. This deeming authority is only for care given to the team's athletes or staff and would not include services provided at a health care facility in a non-covered state. H.R. 921 is therefore a common sense approach that would ensure reasonable protections for these care providers.

We thank you for introducing H.R. 921, and look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James L. Madara". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

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