

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER Be Certain."

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Ellen Satlof National Athletic Trainers' Association 1620 Valwood Parkway Suite 115 Carrollton, TX 75006

Dear Ms. Satlof,

The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) is proud to join the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and other leading healthcare organizations in their efforts to protect young student athletes through the Youth Sports Safety Alliance (Alliance). The Alliance provides the education and awareness necessary to improve and protect the health and safety of our young athletes.

The BOC has been responsible for the certification of Athletic Trainers (ATs) since 1969. The BOC's mission is to provide exceptional credentialing programs for healthcare professionals to assure protection of the public, which includes our nation's youth.

ATs are healthcare professionals who collaborate with physicians to optimize activity and participation of patients and clients. Athletic training encompasses the **prevention**, diagnosis and intervention of emergency and acute injuries. Prevention of injuries to young athletes is very important to the BOC's mission and the primary reason for joining the Alliance.

The BOC appreciates the opportunity to partner with the Alliance to prevent catastrophic and deadly injuries in young athletes.

Sincerely,

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