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Dear Director Becker-Doyle:

As Executive Assistant of the Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society (PFATS) I have been authorized by President John Norwig, Head Athletic Trainer for the Pittsburgh Steelers, to write this letter on his behalf.

The PFATS membership includes all full time BOC Certified Athletic Trainers employed by the National Football League (NFL) teams. One of the primary responsibilities of any athletic trainer, including all NFL athletic trainers, is the recognition of potential injuries and the subsequent prevention of these injuries.

Many of our nation's youth today could potentially someday become the players and stars within the National Football League. However, PFATS is not only concerned about youth football injuries but it is also concerned about and is interested in making all sports, games and recreation activities fun and safer for every one of America's young people. PFATS is extending its support to the National Athletic Trainers Association's (NATA) efforts relating to the Alliance to Address the Youth Sports Safety Crisis in America Summit which will convene in Sacramento, California on January 12, 2010. PFATS wishes to join the many other attendees and involved organizations in supporting the efforts and recommendations that the upcoming summit establishes.

The members of PFATS are well aware of the rise in sports related injuries in high school, college and in all professional sports and the potential long term effects injuries have on athletes. PFATS members, likewise, believe in the inherent values of sports and physical activity and will continue to encourage and promote safe participation.

Respectfully yours,

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