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In regards to: February 9<sup>th</sup> Committee Hearing on House Bill #2737 for  
Licensure of Athletic Trainers

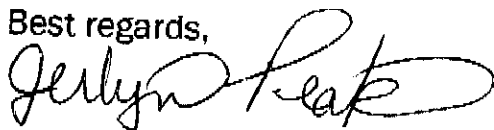
Kansas House Health and Human Services Committee  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Chairman Morrison and Committee Members:

As a practicing Kansas registered athletic trainer my interest in this bill is quite apparent. My desire to attend the February 9<sup>th</sup> hearing on this bill is over-ridden by my duty to my athletes. By coming to Topeka, around 150 to 200 high school athletes would be denied appropriate medical coverage and be practicing their sport without access to my services of injury prevention, assessment, immediate care and rehabilitation. Please hear my voice as a caring, dedicated allied healthcare professional when you consider this bill requesting licensure of athletic trainers. My peers and I are devoted to improving the healthcare of physically active Kansans. Help protect our athletes and schools from receiving unqualified care, and help protect the critical services provided by our chosen profession. I believe it would be difficult to find more willing, dedicated and knowledgeable professionals to perform the variety of tasks the athletic trainer encounters.

As a native Kansan, I enjoy sharing and "paying back" the values and expertise I have gained through our education system. I am proud to serve Kansas in this capacity and request your support for licensure of athletic trainers.

Best regards,



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