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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cedric Richmond
Member of Congress
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Guthrie and Richmond,

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the 124,900 family physicians and medical student members we represent, I write to express our support for the *Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act* of 2017 (HR 302).

HR 302 establishes common-sense medical liability protections for athletic trainers and sports medicine physicians who travel to a secondary state with athletes and athletic teams. If enacted, sports medicine professionals will be able to provide high-quality health care and operate within their capacities without unnecessary financial or legal burdens.

The AAFP strongly believes that patients benefit when they have a continuous and consistent point of care, such as a physician who knows their history. That principle also applies for athletes and sports teams. We believe the *Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act of 2017* is a reasonable policy to provide flexibility for physicians, and to ensure athletes receive high-quality medical care.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this important legislation. For more information, please contact Sonya Clay, Government Relations Representative, at 202-232-9033 or sclay@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

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