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On behalf of the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association, I would like to express our support for the latest version of proposed changes to the statutes regarding the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers' Association's scope of practice currently undergoing review in the 407 process.

The Nebraska State Athletic Trainers' Association (NSATA) has worked closely with us to address our initial concerns. As a result of our discussions, the athletic trainers agreed to language that made it clear that manipulation/grade V mobilization is excluded from their scope. We clarified that grades I through IV are within their scope and we further defined the difference. NSATA also agreed to language that clarified that treatment by an athletic trainer requires a referral when working in a facility or clinical setting. A grandfather clause was also added to their education requirements to make it clear that those that graduate after January 1, 2004, must graduate from an accredited athletic training program.

As a result of this effort I believe the latest revision of the proposed statute is significantly improved and enhances patient safety. We appreciate the NSATA working with us to resolve our concerns and look forward to working with them in the future.

Going forward, we will be testifying in support of the changes during the public hearing and we will be supporting their 407 as it progresses through the multiple steps necessary for final approval. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this 407 review process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Stauffer D.C.", with a stylized flourish.

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