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EXHIBIT NO. 3
 DATE 4/12/05
 BILL NO. HB 461

Representative Elsie Arntzen,
 Capitol Building
 Helena, MT

RE: HB 461 Licensing of Athletic Trainers

Dear Rep. Arntzen,

Much has been done over the last several weeks, and especially in the last few days and hours, to improve HB 461. Participation by physical therapists, nurses, and athletic trainers has resulted in language that addresses many of the concerns I have had with the bill.

My decision to support this bill is based on the premise that it is time for athletic trainers to be licensed and to create a structure that defines the scope of practice of athletic training. This bill goes a long way to do that and is a good beginning. I believe the language creates a good level of professional structure for athletic trainers to work within. More importantly it creates a structure of public protection is assuring services by certified athletic trainers.

I would urge passage of the bill. Thank you for all of your efforts and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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