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The Honorable Evan Low
Chair, Assembly Business and Professions Committee
California State Assembly
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 383
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 1510 (Dababneh): Athletic Trainers
*Request for Support***

Dear Assembly Member Low:

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) respectfully requests that the Assembly Business and Professions Committee supports Assembly Bill 1510 (Dababneh). AB 1510 would create the Athletic Training Practice Act to license and regulate athletic trainers through a committee under the California Occupational Therapy Board.

AICCU is the organizational voice for the independent higher education sector, representing 79 WASC-accredited, nonprofit colleges and universities. AICCU institutions educate 188,000 undergraduate students, and 144,000 graduate students, producing 22% of all undergraduates and 55% of graduate professionals into the workforce each year. Currently, there are eight AICCU member institutions that offer an athletic trainers program.

In addition to enrolling students in these programs, colleges and universities also employ them. Athletic trainers have the responsibilities of preventing, evaluating, and rehabilitating a variety of injuries that can happen on and off the sports field. Currently, there is no such certification and training requirement in California, making it the only state that does not regulate the profession of athletic training. AB 1510 would bring California into accordance with other states by licensing and regulating the profession. This bill will ensure that athletic trainers receive the proper education and experience to provide care to student athletes specifically, and Californians in general.

For these reasons, AICCU respectfully urges the committee to support AB 1510.

Sincerely,

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