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October 27, 2011

Honorable Robert P. Scott
Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Implementation of House Bill 2038, Natasha's Law

Dear Commissioner Scott:

As the author and sponsor of House Bill 2038, 82nd Legislature, we enclose two documents:

Frequently Asked Questions and Resources Document Regarding Implementation of House Bill 2038 ~ Natasha's Law, Texas Education Code, Chapter 38, Subchapter D, Prevention, Treatment, and Oversight of Concussions Affecting Student Athletes, and,

Letter re: Legislative Intent pertaining to Question 13 - Frequently Asked Questions and Resources document.

The Frequently Asked Questions and Resources document is the collaborative work product of the numerous stakeholders who diligently participated in several stakeholder roundtable discussions where input and insight were readily shared among the participants. During the stakeholder discussions, a number of drafts of the Frequently Asked Questions and Resources document were thoroughly discussed and scrutinized before settling on the final enclosed document. The participating stakeholders are listed on the document's acknowledgement page. We are grateful for their earnest participation. Without their dedicated assistance, successful implementation of Natasha's Law would not be possible.

By working together, our respective offices and the stakeholders produced a Frequently Asked Questions and Resources document which provides significant helpful guidance to school boards, administrators, coaches, athletic trainers, and the respective local concussion oversight teams. This document is a helpful tool in providing for the successful intended implementation of Natasha's Law.

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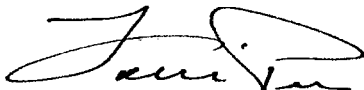
We are providing the document to you to help you answer any questions you may receive regarding this new law and any rulemaking you may deem necessary pursuant to the rulemaking authority granted to you on this subject by this law.

Successful implementation of the new law will depend in large part on the dissemination of the stakeholder FAQ document. In that regard, we are very appreciative that the stakeholders are sharing this document with their members. Additionally, many stakeholders, such as the University Interscholastic League, the Texas High School Coaches Association, and the Texas State Athletic Trainers Association, have posted the document on their respective websites.

Electronic copies of the enclosed documents have been furnished to Mr. MJ Nicchio and Ms. Marissa Rathbone of your agency. They were also kept up-to-date as to progress of the stakeholder process by being copied on several emails from Representative Price's office to the stakeholders.

If you need anything further from us regarding either the legislative intent or the implementation of HB 2038, Natasha's law, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank everyone, including your agency, for being committed to working together for the health and safety of student athletes across our great state.

Sincerely,



State Representative Four Price
Author of House Bill 2038



Senator Robert F. Deuell
Sponsor of House Bill 2038