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Please allow the following to serve as my personal opinion toward Athletic Training Licensure:

As a collegiate football coach, I am writing in support of having athletic trainers receive proper licensing from the State of Kansas. I agree that athletic trainers have obtained a level of expertise in the immediate care, rehabilitation and prevention of injuries to the physically active. I further agree that the credentialing level of licensure is important to the professionalism of athletic trainers currently working in Kansas. Additionally, the licensure of athletic trainers will protect the public from unqualified individuals performing athletic training in the state of Kansas. Since the athletic training educational requirements changed earlier this year, they now adequately reflect the level of licensure similar to other allied health professions. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact my office by calling 620/235-4389.