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From: Rebecca McKee <rmckee@peakcenterak.com>
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To: Rep. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB 160

Importance: High

Representative Stoltze –

Please enter my concerns about HB 160 into the record of the Finance Committee hearing.

I am a triathlon, run, swim, bike coach, as well as work with general fitness clients in Anchorage. I own a small business called Peak Center Alaska, LLC. It has come to my attention that there is a bill under consideration that will greatly impact my small business, my ability to provide quality coaching, as well as the businesses of many Personal Trainers and Coaches.

It is my understanding that Bill HB 160 prohibits a Personal Trainer or Coach in engaging in activities that fall within the definition of Athletic Trainer, even if those activities are within the scope of the certification that the Personal Trainer or Coach has. I am not a certified Athletic Trainer, my number one role to my clients is to provide a safe program designed around injury prevention, assessing injuries, caring for injuries, making appropriate recommendations for further medical treatment if necessary and working with local providers to rehabilitate injuries. The fundamental basis of my business is about recovery and injury prevention.

This Bill is not only confusing, but is targeting a segment of the Athletic Community that prides itself on PREVENTION of injury rather than dealing with injury after the fact. I work closely with MANY Physical Therapist, Chiropractors, Massage Therapist, Doctors, Natural Paths, Nutritionist, Kinesiologist, etc. All of these individuals are in my “tool bag” of resources to help my clients maintain optimal health and performance fitness.

I received a copy of the legal opinion of the bill from Hilary Martin, Legislative Counsel, It appears that Bill HB 160 would put me in violation of the bill if it passed as it is currently written. Many of the skills that I provide to my clients, which have been certified, but not as an Athletic Trainer, are considered within the “scope” of the defined Athletic Trainer in this bill.

It is confusing to me why we are being targeted and concerns me that something like this can pass without the general public being aware or having an opportunity to learn about the issues and comment on it. It is very important that this bill not pass and that the wording be reconsidered. There are a lot of small businesses that will be effected by this that are NOT being considered by this committee.

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