

To: NSATA Members

From: NSATA Executive Board  
NSATA Governmental Affairs Committee

Regarding: Status of LB 436

Good morning, everyone. We have just learned that LB 436 has advanced with a unanimous vote. This is outstanding news and sets the stage for the next phase of the process- advancing to general file where the bill will be heard on the legislative floor. We have no idea when this may happen, but we need to be ready when it does.

What we are asking from you...

1. **Be aware and stay informed!** Please monitor social media and your e-mails for updates and requests that will be time sensitive. Timing will be important as we contact our senators. To soon and the bill won't be fresh in their minds...too late and we'll miss the opportunity to ask them for their support. We will utilize social media and your e-mail to alert you to time sensitive information as we become aware of hearing dates, etc. Information may come directly from the GAC and Executive Board and/or from your regional representatives:

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2. **Be ready!** We ask that you please send any letters requesting support before the bill is heard on the floor, and in close proximity to that date. Please have a letter drafted to send to your senator that you can send on very short notice. If you are concerned that you may miss the opportunity to communicate, please send your letter when you feel is appropriate (any letter is better than no letter)! For tips on how to prepare a letter and a sample letter please visit the NSATA Governmental Affairs page at: <https://www.nsata.org/athletic-trainers/gac-member-information/>

Overview of information that can be included in the letter:

- a. Let them know that you are a constituent and be very clear in your request for their support of LB 436 (if you happen to have a personal connection, see if they would consider signing on as a co-sponsor).
- b. Include that the bill was advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee with a unanimous vote.
- c. Provide a brief overview of why they should support the bill.
- d. Provide a brief description of what you do and how the bill will impact you (personalize it).
- e. Thank them and provide them with your contact information so they can follow up if they have any questions.

If you need to find your legislator, please use the following link:

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\\_find.php](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_find.php)

3. **Please contact us if you have any questions!** There may be some things that you are unsure of and that's why the Governmental Affairs Committee and Executive Board are here. Please let us know if you have any questions. Some of you may have connections that would be helpful to capitalize on (visits when they are in-district, alumni of your school/college/university, friend of a friend, etc).

The following are GAC contacts for the NSATA. Please feel free to reach out to Rusty if you have any questions!

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