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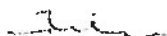
Re: House Judiciary Committee Public Hearing;
GHB (HB 111, HB 183)

Dear Brian:

This is in response to your correspondence dated February 3, 1999 regarding the above referenced matter. The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians voted at its February 20, 1999 Board of Directors and Public Policy Commission meetings to support HB 111 and HB 183.

The Academy's physician leadership is gathering more data on GHB. The Academy appreciates the opportunity to present testimony on this issue; however, the Academy's position would be quite brief, i.e. that GHB should be a Schedule IV controlled substance. Accordingly, the Academy will pass this time on providing live testimony. Please feel free to advise the Committee members of the Academy's position on these bills. Thanks again for the opportunity, and please keep the Academy in mind to testify at future hearings.

Sincerely,



Charles I. Artz

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Classification of GHB in the States

As of February 1999

