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Dear Public Health Committee Member,

My name is Dr. Anthony Alessi, I am a Board Certified Neurologist in private practice in Norwich, Connecticut. In addition, I am a neurologic consultant to many professional and collegiate sports team including the New York Yankees, San Francisco Giants, UCONN, and the Connecticut State Boxing Commission.

There are only two ways by which someone dies while participating in an athletic event: neurologic and cardiac. The typical neurologic injury results from overwhelming head trauma, causing severe brain hemorrhage. Sudden cardiac death is caused by the heart beating out of rhythm or ceasing to beat at all.

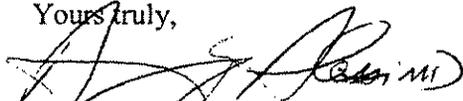
Unfortunately, there is no way to quickly revive the brain on an athletic field. However, through the use of automatic external defibrillators (AED's) the human heart can be revived by personnel trained in their use.

Raised bill No.981 addresses the responsibility of schools to provide AED's at all athletic competitions. Passage of this bill will directly save the lives of young athletes in Connecticut.

It is both the fiduciary and ethical responsibility of all legislators to support this bill and protect the lives of young athletes who may die from sudden cardiac death.

If you require further information please don't hesitate in contacting me.

Yours truly,



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