



**Connecticut State Golf Association**

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Senator Gary LeBeau, Representative Jeffrey Berger and members of the Committee:

My name is Joe Parrillo, Director of Member Services for the Connecticut State Golf Association (CSGA).

Each year we conduct 51 State Golf Championships and Local Qualifiers for USGA Championships; we have awarded \$2.3 million in aid to 508 high school seniors; and we reach thousands of youth through The First Tee of Connecticut.

The CSGA represents 187 public and private golf clubs throughout the state. In essence our member clubs are 187 separate small businesses.

Were any of our clubs to host a national championship, as The Hartford Golf Club and Brooklawn Country Club have done in the past, they face a direct financial obligation of at least \$350,000 and improvements to their course and facilities.

Additionally the club needs to address the necessary hotel considerations, amenities, and transportation considerations. The Connecticut Sports Corporation is critical in assisting golf clubs and the CSGA to host future national championships.

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