



February 8, 2010

Senator Gary LeBeau
State Capitol
Room 110
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Representative Jeffrey J. Berger
State Capitol
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Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Lebeau and Representative Berger,

Quassy Amusement Park strongly supports the creation of a Sporting Authority for Connecticut. We hold a number of sporting events at our facility each year that brings in thousands of athletes and spectators to the area. A good number of them come into Connecticut at least a week prior to the event in order to train and get familiar with the area. These athletes, with their families in tow stay in area hotels, travel around the area and eat in local restaurants.

The establishment of an organizational structure will help promote the region as an excellent destination for events like ours. At present, we stand to loose such major events like the Rev3 Triathlon that last year drew people as far as Australia and had the top 20 tri-athletes in the world in attendance and had around 1,000 athletes. This year the have already signed up the World Champion Tri-athlete and the finalist of the Biggest Loser and expect to have around 1200 athletes.

We have no support group to look to for assistance where other States welcome groups like this. We need to keep groups that draw people to Connecticut and also have the ability to drive new groups in as well. This will increase tourism in the state and generate revenue and jobs for Connecticut.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

George Frantzis, Owner
Quassy Amusement Park