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Testimony of State Representative Joan Lewis in Support of HB 5228 An Act Concerning the Sales of Event Tickets on the Secondary Market

Senator Colapietro, Representative Shapiro, Members of the General Law Committee, for the record my name is Joan Lewis State Representative for the 8th District, which includes the towns of Coventry Columbia and Vernon.

First let me thank the committee for raising this bill and the opportunity to submit this testimony. I feel this is consumer friendly legislation that will benefit the many family members or friends who want to buy tickets for someone else as a gift. They should have the right to own those tickets and should not be prevented from transferring them as they see fit. They also should not be precluded from entering an event just because they are not the original purchaser of the tickets.

While we do need to take steps to prevent ticket scalping and other fraud that occurs, we must also make sure regular citizens are protected for the tickets they buy legitimately.

I feel these provisions will help protect ticket purchasers and season ticket holders by ensuring they retain ownership of their tickets and I encourage the committee to vote in support of this legislation.

Thank you again for this opportunity to present testimony and I look forward to working with the committee to secure its passage.