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Testimony Regarding:

Senate Bill No. 456- AN ACT CONCERNING ATHLETES AND CONCUSSIONS

My name is Fred Balsamo, Executive Director of the **Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD)**, which represents High School and Middle School Athletic Directors in our state.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Senator Lunney** and **Senator Gaffey** for their foresight in producing **Bill 456** which will protect the lives of children in our state. Other states that have enacted similar legislation did so as the result of a major injury or a fatality. It is encouraging to know the athletes in Connecticut are so well regarded by our legislators and that the Senators have been proactive in this endeavor.

At our March 3, 2010 CAAD Board of Control Meeting **Senate Bill 456** was discussed in detail and there was unanimous support for it. We welcome this legislation and the safety it brings to Connecticut's athletes.

On behalf of the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors I would like to wholeheartedly support **Bill 456 – AN ACT CONCERNING ATHLETES AND CONCUSSIONS**

Sincerely,

Fred Balsamo, CMAA

CAAD Executive Director