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In support of

SB 185, AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES ABOUT CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES

Before the Joint Committee on Public Health

March 7, 2012

Chairperson Gerratana, Chairperson Ritter, Members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Joan-Alice Taylor and I am the President of the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. **I am here today to testify in support of SB 185, AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES ABOUT CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES**

As we continue to learn more and more about the long term impacts of concussions and other repetitive head trauma, it is critical that we improve our efforts to educate coaches, teachers, parents and the student-athletes themselves on the dangers of concussions in sports.

The efforts of the CT General Assembly, the CT Athletic Trainers Association and the CT State Medical Society, among others, on this issue have been exemplary and must be supported. We add our voices today to the chorus calling for continued efforts to protect the health and welfare of our young student-athletes.

Thank-you again for the opportunity to testify before the Committee. I would be happy to answer any questions and look forward to continuing to work with the Committee throughout the session.

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