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Dear Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan, Senator Daily, Representative Jutila, Senator Guglielmo, Representative Giegler, and Public Safety and Security Committee Members,

I submit this testimony in support of SB 326, AN ACT CONCERNING MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.

This bill legalizes and regulates the sport of mixed martial arts within the State of Connecticut. The bill requires those participating in mixed martial arts to adhere to stringent laws and regulations.

In addition to ensuring competitors' safety, this bill will create a revenue source for the state. Along with the licensing and registration fees, the bill imposes a 5% tax on the gross receipts of ticket sales. The funds collected through the tax will go into the State's General Fund. It is estimated that an event held at the XL Center in Hartford could result in up to \$350,000 in revenue for the state.

So far 46 states have legalized and regulated mixed martial arts matches. Of the four remaining states, New York and Connecticut are the only two states that disallow the sport. I encourage the Committee to support SB 326.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sean Williams'.

Sean Williams
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