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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
COMMITTEE

PREPARED TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 5277

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF MIXED
MARTIAL ARTS

As a constituent, business owner, tax payer and life-long resident of the State of Connecticut, I write to you today in strong support of the passage of HB 5277, which is currently before the Public Safety and Security Committee. As you are aware, HB 5277 would legalize and regulate the sport of Mixed Martial Arts ("MMA") in Connecticut to ensure the highest level of safety for the participants. In addition the sport would bring much needed revenues to some of the state's cities.

I am a resident of Simsbury, CT. I have owned and operated my business, Concom, Inc., located in Bloomfield, CT, for over 20 years. My company provides extensive production and event organization services to Zuffa, LLC, dba Ultimate Fighting Championship ("UFC"). Concom utilizes hundreds of highly skilled laborers for each and every UFC event, both domestically and globally. I have worked with the UFC since 1998. The UFC accounts for a significant portion of the revenues generated by Concom but; ironically, the UFC cannot bring live events to Connecticut.

If HB 5277 is enacted, in addition to the UFC, there are dozens of other promoters of both amateur and professional MMA who would be able to promote and hold safe and regulated events in CT.

My company routinely works with union labor groups at virtually every venue we perform services at, for the UFC. Passage of HB 5277 would allow for the creation of union jobs for stagehands, electricians, food and beverage service workers, and many others, at venues such as the XL Center and the Webster Bank Arena. In cities where MMA events are held, restaurants, bars, hotels, and parking lots would see increased profits.

This is an opportunity for Connecticut to join the rest of the country in regulating the sport of MMA, precipitating increased revenues to the state.

HB 5277 has bi-partisan support in the Senate and House. I respectfully request that you vote favorably on HB 5277

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Connal', with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.

Allan Connal

President

Concom, Inc.