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**Testimony of Rep. Mary Mushinsky (85th) in Support of HB 5277, An Act
Legalizing and Regulating Mixed Martial Arts**

**Before the Public Safety and Security Committee
Thursday, February 7, 2013 11:00 a.m. in Room 1E**

I am a cosponsor of this bill which would permit professional mixed martial arts matches to be held in the state and to subject such matches to the same regulation that currently applies to boxing matches. The Commissioner of Public Safety would be the most appropriate regulatory authority over such matches, requiring the registration of hosts of such matches, licensing to conduct such matches, imposing a tax upon the receipts of such matches to make the regulatory system revenue neutral and to impose other safety requirements, as necessary. This bill was requested by a constituent who pointed out that Connecticut has already authorized boxing and he would like to see his sport, mixed martial arts, be given the same state-sanctioned status and meet statewide standards. The sport has fans and instructors in Wallingford. Thank you for consideration of our request.