

Testimony for HB 5113

Dear Legislators ,

My name is Arlene Doherty and I'm a parent. I support the concussion law because it helps with prevention and educates those working with children on the high risks associated with long term health issues and multiple concussions.

The current CT laws are too lax - missing basic provisions of athlete/parent education, and informed consent. Many states have included basic provisions - (87% of states include education/78% informed consent) but CT does not.

Education requirements can be simple and non-prescriptive. Many resources to choose from, Children don't have a voice and it's time that we demand basic safety measures for them.

This is a landmark bill: It is the first to address primary ways to prevent head injuries, instead of just addressing measures after the injuries occur. The 90 minute contact practice limit - just plain MAKES SENSE!

Thank you for your support - Arlene Doherty