

Testimony for HB 5113

Hello My name is Bruce Backus and I am a lacrosse official at the high school and college level. I am a resident of Burlington, CT. I am writing to express my concerns about HB 5113. I am strongly in support of increased education and awareness of head injuries in sports. As a official, the bill is vague as to what my responsibilities would be. We have been mandated by the CIAC to familiarize ourselves with the signs and symptoms of concussions and a yearly refresher course is appropriate. It is my understanding that it is the responsibility of the coaching staff and the team's medical personnel to determine whether or not a player can participate in a game. When I am on the field my highest priority is the safety of those involved. Thank you