

Testimony for HB 5113

I am writing in strong support of HB 5113. Connecticut currently has a law that is missing the basic provisions of athlete/parent education and informed consent. What does it say about our state when we do not even provide the most basic tenants of keeping our student athletes safe? We have an obligation to protect our youngest and most vulnerable children; who do not have a voice. As a leader of the Westport PTA Council how can I stand up and NOT be for this bill? After all, our motto is every child..one voice. We need to be that voice. This is a landmark bill that is the first to address PRIMARY ways to prevent head injuries, instead of just addressing measures *after the injuries occur*. Every stakeholder should strongly protect the health and welfare of our most precious assets...our children. I urge your support of this historic bill.

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