



Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

Before the Public Safety and Security Committee

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of Public Safety and Security Committee,

We submit this testimony on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state oppose:

**S.B. No. 428 AN ACT CONCERNING BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**

We oppose this bill as written as we are of the opinion that this is regressive and harmful to the boxer or mixed martial art competitor. The following language appears to have merit until you get to the end of the sentence. The insurance appears only good for the match.

continuously provide insurance for the protection of the boxer or competitor in matches produced by such person, firm or corporation. Such insurance coverage shall provide for total reimbursement to the boxer or competitor for medical, dental, surgical and hospital care for all injuries sustained by such boxer's or competitor's participation in such match

We question why the following is not included and in fact is removed  
for the duration of such injury, illness, disease or condition.

We thank the committee for holding this public hearing and urge passage of this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

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