

Testimony for HB 5113

Dear Legislator,

My name is Harry Dauphinais and I am a sports official in the sport of Swimming. I live in the town of Winsted.

I am writing to express my concern regarding HB 5113- AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH ATHLETICS AND CONCUSSION

I can understand the need to have coaches take the concussion training as they see the athletes on a daily basis during their coaching season. They would have a much better opportunity to observe behavior that might indicate a concussion. As an official I may only see an athlete once during a season for approximately an hour and a half. I don't believe that having all officials take the concussion training is necessary, or will make any significant changes in identifying concussions. Coaches and athletic trainers, who are more familiar with their athletes than officials, are present at meets to evaluate their athletes if the need arises.

I urge you to reconsider section 5 of HB 5113.

Sincerely

Harry L. Dauphinais