

Testimony for HB 5113

Dear Legislators,

I, Susan Orrill, am a volleyball official residing in the town of Ledyard, CT. I have concerns for HB 5113-AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH ATHLETICS AND CONCUSSION.

I have been a volleyball referee for over 25 years and always keep the safety of the participants at the forefront of my responsibilities. However, I do not feel that it should be my responsibility to assess the medical condition of a player who may have been injured. I have responsibility for making sure the game is played under safe conditions, and am always assessing the condition of the court and facility and equipment. This additional responsibility and required yearly training would be an additional burden for me, as well as having extra liability in this already litigious atmosphere and would cause me to consider ceasing to be a youth volleyball referee.

There are enough other safe guards in place without also involving the referee in further medical training for concussion.

For now, I will continue to referee. However, I will rethink that decision if HB 5113 requires annual training and certification for concussions.

Thank you,  
Susan Orrill