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Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO on HB 6783 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE UNIONIZATION OF COLLEGE ATHLETES

Representative Tercyak, Senator Winfield and distinguished members of the Labor and Public Employees committee, I thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony on HB 6783.

It is the opinion of the CT AFL-CIO that college athletes should be employees of their institution(s) of higher learning. These students directly or indirectly earn money for their schools. Endorsements from apparel companies, beverage and food companies, and TV rights just to name a few, bring in large amounts of money to the schools. This income is earned by the student athletes for the schools thus making them employees of the school.

We must keep in mind that by being employees of the school they should and deserve to have a collective voice about their wellbeing among other issues.

Recognizing that this bill is to conduct a study and only a study of the concept to Unionize College Athletes, we must keep moving forward in our efforts to protect these young men and women.

As always, I am available to discuss this issue in more detail with you at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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