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Dear Chairman Larson, Chairman Dargan, Ranking and General Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, as member of the Hartford Legislative Delegation we are proud to support and urge your passage of Raised S.B. 901 AAC Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts.

This matter has been before your committee in the past and has enjoyed overwhelming support from members of the Public Safety and Security Committee as well as passage in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The bill before you is an effort to remove onerous language that in practice has not allowed MMA matches to be held in the State of Connecticut.

The purpose of S.B. 901 is to require any person, firm or corporation that employs a person to be a boxer or competitor in and boxing, sparing or mixed martial arts match to provide insurance to reimburse the boxer or competitor for medical, dental, surgical and hospital care for injuries sustained in such a match.

We believe that by clarifying this language Connecticut will join 48 other states that currently allow Mixed Martial Arts competitions to be held. In addition, the bill strengthens the regulations governing these matches to provide high standards of care to ensure that the safety and welfare of competitors is first and foremost when matches are held in our state.

The City of Hartford, as the capital city and the hub for arts and entertainment in the region prides itself in providing a variety of entertainment events for residents and visitors alike. We believe that these matches will be of great interest to fans of MMA and we support the economic impact that these matches will bring to the City and the region.

As a delegation, this is a high priority economic development agenda item for the City of Hartford and we appreciate your full consideration of this matter and urge passage of the bill.

Respectfully,

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