

**Honorable Co-Chairpersons Senator Dante Bartolomeo and Representative Diana Urban,
and Vice-Chairpersons Senator Beth Bye and Representative John K. Hampton and
Members of The Committee on Children;**

My name is Frederick J. Mastele and I would like to present this testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Horse Council (CHC) for: H.B. 6799 - AN ACT REQUIRING SAFETY TRAINING FOR EQUESTRIAN RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS' OPERATORS AND INSTRUCTORS.

We feel it's would be a good to have the training, but do not think it should be done through legislation. It would be difficult to enforce, prove burdensome and costly to equine facility operators and we fear it would eventually lead to the licensing of these facilities.

We would encourage the Committee on Children to look at other alternatives instead of legislation.

Respectfully,

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