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Testimony

In Support of S.B. 1038 An Act Allowing Fourteen-Year Olds To Be Employed As Referees, Umpires and Officials of Youth Athletic Programs

Labor Committee
March 3, 2015

Dear Chairman Gomes, Chairman Tercyak, Senator Hwang, Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor Committee.

I am testifying in support of ~~S.B. 1038, AN ACT ALLOWING FOURTEEN-YEAR OLDS TO BE EMPLOYED AS REFEREES, UMPIRES AND OFFICIALS OF YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.~~

I am writing to add another perspective to this proposed bill. I was recently contacted by the Soccer Club of Guilford (SCOG). Currently, the Connecticut Department of Labor is treating their referees as employees and thus subjects them to unemployment fees and other inappropriate costs. This action will particularly bankrupt youth sports and make it unworkable to any club program in the state of Connecticut.

I would ask this committee provide exemptions for a referee to act as an independent contractor so as to not be subjected to unemployment taxes.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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