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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 5201 AN ACT CONCERNING MUAY THAI AS A FORM OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

My name is Angel Sierra and I am here to testify in support of HB 5201, An Act Concerning Muay Thai as a Form of Mixed Martial Arts. I am a resident of Glastonbury CT I train Muay Thai at Thornton Martial Arts, a martial arts studio located in East Hartford, CT.

This bill is important, as it will help my son compete locally which benefits us, the state and business in the area in countless ways. The list of benefits that come from training Muay Thai Muay Thai has been an integral part of our life for many years. It has many attributes such as self-defense, confidence, respect, discipline, and focus; these benefits will develop his skills and increase exponentially the benefits that we get from the sport.

I also feel it's important to mention how positive the impact of tournaments would be for the community as these are a great way to boost the economy (by generating local business and stimulate Tax Funds) and put Connecticut on the spotlight as host destination and increase tourism.