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Via Electronic Transmission

The Honorable Brian Jack
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sharice Davids
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jack and Representative Davids:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, I write in support of H.R. 4624, the *Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act*. Many thousands of Teamsters work in the convention, trade show and television and motion picture industries. By revitalizing the sport of boxing in the U.S., we will create more opportunities for American workers in and around the arenas where the matches will take place.

For nearly 100 years, boxing was one of the most popular sports in America, consistently selling out arenas and stadiums around the country. However, in the past twenty years, the number of marquee boxing events held at venues in the United States declined, with many of boxing's premier fights now taking place overseas. Since 2015, thirty of the most notable heavyweight title matches have taken place outside of the U.S., compared to just seven such matches in the U.S. As these boxing matches have migrated out of the U.S., so have American union jobs.

By bringing more boxing cards to venues nationwide, communities around the country can share in the economic benefits, not just within the arenas, but in the bars, restaurants, and other job sites around the arenas.

I share the concerns that have been raised about fighters' safety. This bill allows for the creation of a separate, parallel system and explicit safety standards that would better protect fighters. I look forward to working with both of your offices to ensure that boxers, along with all workers, are treated justly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean M. O'Brien".

Sean M. O'Brien
General President