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The Honorable Tim Walberg
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The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
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Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott,

On behalf of the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC), Michael Mazzulli (Past President, Timothy Shipman President) write to express our strong support for [H.R. 4624](#), the "Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act" which will lead to dramatic improvements in the sport of boxing which is a mission of the ABC. This important bipartisan legislation will further the goals of the Professional Boxing Safety Act and the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act by enhancing the safety and well-being of professional boxers.

Twenty-five years ago, when Congress enacted the Ali Act, it made the following finding:

Professional boxing differs from other major, interstate professional sports industries in the United States in that it operates without any private sector association, league, or centralized industry organization to establish uniform and appropriate business practices and ethical standards. This has led to repeated occurrences of disreputable and coercive business practices in the boxing industry, to the detriment of professional boxers nationwide.

Sec. 2(1) of the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act, Pub. L. 106-210 (May 26, 2000).

H.R. 4624 addresses this primary finding by establishing the framework for the creation of alternatives to the sanctioning organization model called Unified Boxing Organizations (UBOs). UBOs are private sector industry organizations that will provide boxers with improved health and safety protections, greater compensation, and more choice and opportunities. Given the unfortunate decline of boxing, we believe the UBO model can help revive this great sport.

Under H.R. 4624, UBOs would not replace the sanctioning organizations. Instead, UBOs would exist side-by-side and operate independently, with UBO events regulated by state athletic commissions. Boxers would now have the freedom

to choose which of the two systems is most advantageous to them. This legislation represents the first update to boxing in a quarter-century and will revive a once-great American sport.

H.R. 4624 provides much-needed updates to the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 by enhancing the medical standards that protect boxers, establishing a national minimum payment per round, outlining rigorous medical and anti-doping testing and providing national minimum health insurance requirements. We appreciated the opportunity to make suggestions during the drafting of the bill and appreciate that those suggestions were incorporated. The Association of Boxing Commissions Board of Directors is in unanimous support of the new Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act.

We encourage Congress to immediately enact H.R. 4624 and appreciate the opportunity to lend our views and experience to this overdue effort.

Sincerely,

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