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Dear Congress:

I am writing this letter to implore Congress to not pass the proposed amendment to the Muhammed Ali Act named the Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act. This proposed amendment allows without effective regulatory structure a promoter(s) to sidestep all necessary checks and balances that must be in place in for any professional sport to be a valid under scrutiny, well-regulated, competitive, free of conflict of interest and optimally safe sport on behalf of all athletes.

The current Muhammed Ali Act allows for all athletes to be able to compete free, fair, open and unfettered for rank or titles without unnecessary barriers or restraints of athletic competition between athletes in restraint of commerce. The proposed amendment gives a promoter with the vast resources of the UFC or a Saudi government investment fund the ability to make the structure of professional boxing purely a form of entertainment such as professional wrestling, but with real injury, where athletes behind closed doors are subject to the promoters non-procompetitive athletic and/or market restraints of commerce that has not existed in boxing since 1825 in the USA.

The proposed amendment called the Muhammed Ali American Boxing Revival Act is the most un-American anti-competitive sport regulation to be allowed in regulated sport that is in direct contradiction of all long-established legal precedents set in court cases involving boxing, analogous combat sports, and many other regulated professional sports where athletes compete for titles. The proposed Muhammed Ali American Boxing Revival Act is, both athletically and financially, a bait and switch that will give little financial benefit to boxing athletes in exchange for regulators giving a promoter(s) tremendous exploitative leverage over athletes by allowing a promoter to; not disclose total event revenues to athletes or purse amounts of each athlete, enforce exclusive contracts with athletes coupled with promoter sanctioning their own title, unilaterally do their own tailored match making of athletes for their desired marketing results and revenue targets regardless of athlete readiness, record or input, set rankings and unilaterally decide when and where who does or doesn't compete for the promoter's title, against all other boxing athletes under exclusive contract or not to that promoter and title.

The amendment also places State Athletic Commissions in a conflict of interest where they can't suspend a promoter's license without releasing all the athletes under exclusive contract to only compete for that promoter's title along with SAC's revenues. Another conflict of interest is for managers who are now put in the position lowest bidder wins in-order to do business with that same promoter. The Muhammed Ali American Boxing Revival Act is an inherently exploitative self-corrupting sports mimicking entertainment disguised and marketed as free, fair, open unfettered competition between all athletes for titles. As shown in the UFC anti-trust lawsuit, this tremendous leverage over athletes allows a single promoter to capture and maintain a monopoly over athletes of notoriety and/or top fight records that will gain that single promoter title popularity and public recognition greater than the actual sport itself which unjustly enriches that promoter from the revenues generated by young athletes competing exclusively with no other viable options to that promoters title. This suppression of earnings makes it necessary for an athlete to risk fighting much more often with brain concussions at an ever-increasing magnitude force up the ranks just to generate the same amount of earnings over the same period of time in contrast to the much higher earnings that would be available to that same athlete in a free, fair, open and unfettered competitive marketplace for all championship titles if only a promoter(s) was not permitted to use such proven anticompetitive and exploitative contracts in sport as proposed in the Muhammed Ali American Boxing Revival Act.

The format of a promoter having their own title and exclusive contracts with athletes, results in all athletes of similar rank and/or notoriety having to unnecessarily sign with the same promoter exclusively just to be able to compete against one another for the same title(s) shielding that promoter from direct competition against other possible promoters/titles and/or co-promoters that are barred from having simultaneous access to the services of those same athletes of similar rank and notoriety to compete for titles. And if the athletes do decide to sign with a competing promoter and title under a UBO/UFC format one promoter can just buy the other promoter to eliminate that competing promoter and title and/or acquire the exclusive contracts of those competing athletes simultaneously eliminating choices and the bargaining power of all athletes.

Independent title sanctioning bodies being barred from having any interest in or exclusive contracts with athletes and an athlete themselves unable to viably compete against an UBO/UFC promoter or title by putting up their own title or having exclusive contracts with an independent title sanctioning body does not allow for other viable competitive options to an UBO/UFC format promoter's publicly recognized titles which do not allow free, fair, open and unfettered competition for titles between all athletes globally in the prize fighting market of boxing sport entertainment.

The answer to revitalizing boxing in America is for American boxers to be more competitive and capable of winning titles in free, fair, open and unfettered competition against all athletes globally. Not the opposite that is an athletically anti-competitive monopolistic structure of regulation void of integrity, checks and balances and fiduciary duty to protect athletes disguised as sport in restraint of commerce by allowing the passage of the of Muhammed Ali American Boxing Revival Act.

Yours truly,

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