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The Honorable Tim Walberg
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert C. “Bobby” Scott
Ranking Member
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Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott,

The California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) offers its unanimous support for H.R. 4624, the Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act, contingent on the amendment described below. After meetings with various stakeholders, analysis by subcommittee, and public discussion, CSAC believes that the proposed bill, if amended as described, will improve the safety of the sport, the financial situation of the athletes, and allow for boxing to flourish throughout the United States.

CSAC recommends that the following amendment be made to H.R. 4624: inclusion of an annual cost-of-living increases to specified minimum pay requirements and to the specified minimum insurance coverage.

CSAC also expresses our privacy concerns with respect the provision mandating pregnancy testing for boxers engaged under the Unified Boxing Organization (UBO) alternative. CSAC believes mandating pregnancy testing does not appropriately respect the privacy and bodily autonomy concerns of female athletes. We believe the approach used in California of requiring female athletes to give written acknowledgement that they understand the medical concerns of training or fighting if pregnant appropriately allows the fighter to determine the best course of action.

H.R. 4624 will increase the medical and safety standards nation-wide, expanding existing protections for athletes and creating uniformity across the United States. The enhancements resulting from this bill include annual physicals, mandatory MRI scans to ensure brain health, blood screenings to prevent the spread of communicable disease, and increased screening for athletes over 40 years old. Additionally, the bill requires that multiple ambulances and physicians must be ringside for every bout, which guarantees that immediate medical action will be taken in the event of an emergency. CSAC has always maintained the highest medical and safety standards for athletes and believes that the increased requirements contemplated by H.R. 4624 will bring uniformity for boxing health and safety standards across the nation.

CSAC also notes that the increase in the minimum payment for athletes together with the cost-of-living increases, and the upgraded insurance requirements contemplated in the bill particularly enhance the ability of up-and-coming fighters to participate in the sport of boxing.

CSAC is optimistic that the creation of Unified Boxing Organization's (UBO) under H.R. 4624 will increase the investment in boxing in the United States which will benefit all participants and expand the opportunities for boxers.

CSAC supports H.R. 4624 (amended as described above) and believes it will reflect a commitment to the welfare and safety of the athletes, by providing them a choice of competing under the current four belt system or under the UBO model, as well as raising the floor for the minimum purse and insurance requirement for every boxer in this country.

Respectfully Submitted,

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