

The Honorable Tim Walberg
The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Chairman Ranking Member
Committee on Education and Workforce Committee on Education and Workforce
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Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act. My name is Skipper Kelp, and as both a former championship boxer and a longtime boxing coach, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power that boxing can have on young people's lives - - because it transformed mine. I would like to see the sport of boxing have continuing relevance in the lives of more young people and firmly believe this bill is an important step in achieving that goal.

As the son of Vietnamese and American parents who moved to the United States at a young age, I grew up navigating two cultures and searching for my place in the world. My early introduction to karate and boxing gave me something invaluable: discipline. For many people, what stands out about my career is the fact that I was a national champion at the age of twelve, won several additional national championships, and represented the U.S. in several international competitions. From my perspective that is not what is most important. These sports didn't just teach me how to throw a punch or execute a kata—they taught me structure, respect, dedication, and the value of hard work. They gave me mentors who believed in me and a community where I belonged.

Today, as a coach deeply committed to teaching kids and protecting the future of our sport, I see this legislation as essential to ensuring that the next generation has the same opportunities I had—but with better protections and support. The Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act's provisions for enhanced safety standards, mandatory medical coverage, and minimum fighter compensation will help us build a sustainable future for boxing while keeping g young athletes safe.

The establishment of Unified Boxing Organizations provides an important new option for fighters, creating alternative pathways that should lead to increased opportunities and competition. More options mean more chances for talented boxers to showcase their skills and build their careers.

Boxing gave me discipline and direction when I needed it most. This Act will help ensure that boxing can continue to do the same for countless young people across America who need structure, mentorship, and a path forward.

I urge you to support the Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act.

Respectfully,



Skipper Kelp

Former Championship Boxer and Boxing Coach