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Dear Mr. Ogreaan,

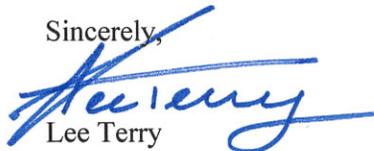
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade on Thursday, March 13, 2014 to testify at the hearing entitled "Improving Sports Safety: A Multifaceted Approach."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Monday, January 5, 2015. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at Kirby.Howard@mail.house.gov and mailed to Kirby Howard, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Lee Terry
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce,
Manufacturing, and Trade

cc: Jan Schakowsky, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade
Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky

1. There tend to be a lot of collisions in the sport of ice hockey. There is no “out of bounds” – only boards and glass. It is intentionally played on a slippery surface. And all skaters are trying to gain and keep control of a very active, three-inch-wide disk made of vulcanized rubber. So there are lots of collisions. What I would like to address in this series of questions is how to prevent these collisions from resulting in brain injury to players.
 - a. A report last year from St. Michael’s Hospital stated that up to one-quarter of players on some minor league hockey teams will suffer a concussion in a season. Briefly, what would you recommend as your top three steps to take to reduce that number?
 - b. In written testimony submitted to the Subcommittee for the hearing on March 13, 2014, you did not address fighting, which is a major cause of concussions among hockey players. Please detail USA Hockey’s initiatives to continually reduce fighting in the leagues you oversee.
2. Last year, Representative Pascrell introduced H.R. 2118, the Youth Sports Concussion Act. The Act would allow for the creation and implementation of standards to improve the safety of sports equipment. The Act would also specifically target deceptive health and safety-related marketing claims for sports equipment.
 - a. My understanding is that the NHL and USA Hockey support this bill. What is your experience in youth hockey with equipment designed to reduce concussions?
 - b. Have you seen misleading safety-related marketing claims for hockey gear? If so, what were the types of products being advertised with such claims, and what claims were made?
 - c. Does USA Hockey endorse any equipment intended to reduce concussions?
 - d. Does your organization support giving the Consumer Product Safety Commission the authority to set minimum equipment safety standards in cases where no voluntary standard is adopted?