



1 Testimony Regarding House Bill 1251

2 Chairman Heinert and members of the committee, I'm representing NDCEL, and your school
3 administrators and specifically one of my groups NDIAAA which is my athletic directors, and
4 I'm also giving you perspective as a former varsity girls basketball coach. I respectfully request
5 an amendment to the bill that would remove New Year's Day as a prohibited date for school
6 extracurricular activities.

7 **Background and Rationale:**

8 Under the current provisions of this bill, schools are prohibited from holding extracurricular
9 activities on designated family days, including New Year's Day. However, the timing of school
10 events, particularly in athletics, often requires preparation and accountability in the days leading
11 up to scheduled competitions. The existing restriction creates challenges for coaches and student-
12 athletes who must prepare for events occurring immediately after this holiday.

13 **Proposed Amendment:**

14 I propose the following amendment to simply remove New Year's Day from that list:

15 The proposed amendment would provide greater flexibility for schools and student-athletes,
16 ensuring they are adequately prepared for their commitments while maintaining accountability
17 and appropriate behavior leading up to competitions. I urge the committee to consider this
18 amendment and support its adoption.

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