

Esteemed Committee:

My name is Jon Kohler and I am the Athletic/Activities Director for Hettinger Public School. I want to state my opposition to HB 1491. There are no good merits to this bill. It will now allow kids to go to the “highest bidder” in a sport. It will also allow them to transfer at any time during a school year to try to play for a better team. This is not what education-based athletics is about. We are not college and we are not the Pro teams. This bill will destroy education-based athletics as we know it today. Kids will no longer be “student-athletes” but will now be athletes looking for a place to win and education will be secondary to that.

Thank you for your time

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