

Dear Chairman Heinert and members of the Education Committee,

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to be heard today. Thank you for giving us a chance to help make sports better by considering passing Bill 1491. This bill is meant to better support the student athletes. As you heard and read the testimonies about this bill it is being presented because school officials are over stepping there boundries when it comes to student athletes. With out a policy they will continue. They are using athletes to achieve there own agends and instead of looking for what is best for the student athlete. It is sad that a policy is needed to prevent and combat this behavior, but here we are hoping to do just that. I ask that you pass bill 1491 to prevent any other student athlete from having o go through what Kambree and other athletes have had to go through. Thank God she is a confident and mental stable young lady and will be able to bounce back just fine, but the fact of the matter is that she never should have had to have gone through this. All students should be afforded the same oppportunity to play with out adult politics interfering. Kambree is not one to take on a victum mentality when presented with hard sittuations in life. She is a fighter and that is why we are here today. This only made her stronger and if passed it will make sports stronger. She is also supported by a family that refuses to do nothing when we they can do something. My sister Susan is a motivated woman of integrity. Like all of us she wants what is best for her child and will do what it takes to see that her child being treated fairly. She is driven and I have no doubt if this bill is not passed you will se her again and again until one is passed to prevent this from ever happening again. With the drastic decline of students participating in sports, one would think a policy like this already exists. With all of the mental health issues students are dealing and knowing that sports help combat this, one would think this policy already exists. Schools should be creating and finding ways to get more students involved in sports, not trying to create reasons not to play. Again I strongly encourage you to pass Bill 1491.

Sincerely,

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