



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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The Honorable Diana Urban
Chair, Committee on Children
Legislative Office Building, Room 4042
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The Honorable Danté Bartolomeo
Chair, Committee on Children
Legislative Office Building, Room 3200
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Chairwoman Urban and Chairwoman Bartolomeo,

The National Football League is pleased to support HB 5113. The NFL is committed to player health and safety in all levels of sport, and we appreciate your leadership and attention to concussion policy for youth sports.

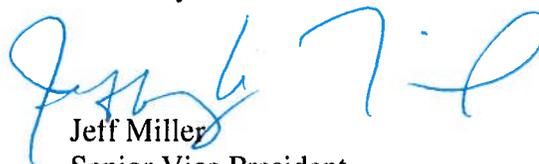
The NFL has been proud to play a leadership role in promoting the adoption of youth concussion laws, across the country. These laws, named after Zackery Lystedt in Washington State, have made sports safer for youth athletes.

The NFL and its clubs follow strict guidelines to appropriately and conservatively manage concussions in NFL players. The importance of these safety measures is not limited to professional sports. We believe that these guidelines are also necessary in youth sports.

We commend you for your efforts to expand on Connecticut's current youth concussion policy. Education and increased awareness are critical to appropriately recognizing and responding to concussions. The provisions included in the amended bill language will increase the awareness of these injuries and will better protect youth athletes by ensuring that parents and athletes are adequately educated.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and for your efforts to protect youth athletes. We look forward to working with you as this legislation moves toward passage.

Sincerely,


Jeff Miller
Senior Vice President