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From: Jeff McC [serfrat@yahoo.com]
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Dear IRRC:

I am an avid supporter of mma and I urge you to pass the proposed rules change. It will not only be safer to allow our young fighters to fight locally instead of everyone having to make the long drive to Ohio, it will allow all the revenue that Ohio is currently generating by having more mma events than any other state to stay in our state where the jobs and revenue are badly needed

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff McConnell

I train in Martial Arts/Mixed Martial Arts with my family here in Pennsylvania. I help the local MMA promotion put on events & I also have a Blog on all things MMA.

Another aspect of the rules regarding MMA here in Pennsylvania I wish would be changed is the age limitation. I realize after reading the rules that it's not impossible for someone over the age of 36 to be awarded a license to fight MMA, but that the system in place currently makes it nearly impossible for someone over 36 years old to get licensed to fight when they otherwise might be qualified if not for their age.

I propose a system where a certified medical professional can certify a fighter (regardless of age) who wishes to fight that is capable of competing be allowed to fight in the cage. I feel this is something that many people would take advantage of if they only had the chance to compete & earn a living as a professional MMA fighter. I myself am over that age & would love to compete - but I feel the current system makes it almost impossible for me to get licensed... and I wish to have this corrected for me & others like me.

I thank you for your time & hopefully your help.