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Hello my name is Robert Joseph and I am the promoter for Gladiators of the Cage Mixed Martial Arts events in Western Pennsylvania. I have been in this business since 2011 and strictly in Western Pennsylvania. Since I started promoting the biggest thing that I have heard from amateur fighters is this "I do not like Pennsylvania rules and I will not fight in Pennsylvania because of the rules. No ground and pound." I can not begin to tell you how many fighters have told me this making it very difficult in getting amateur fighters to fight on my cards. There have been numerous Pennsylvania amateur fighters that have turned me down and went just across the boarder to Ohio to fight. This has been a frustrating part of being a Mixed Martial Arts promoter in this state in which I live and work. Pennsylvania will no doubt benefit greatly from this new rule change. Not only will it keep Pennsylvania fighters in Pennsylvania it will also open the door for fighters from other states such as Ohio, West Virginia, New Jersey, New York, and other surrounding states to come into this state to fight as an amateur. Not only will this increase the pool of fighters it will also increase the revenue that is generated by all of the fighters. Just an example I had an event in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania on January 26. The card had three fighters on it that where from the Pittsburgh area. None of which ever fought in Pennsylvania due to the amateur rules. All three made their pro debuts on this card and sold the event out. Bringing revenue to the State of Pennsylvania, to the city of Pittsburgh, to the fighters and to myself. I have been to events in Ohio and I can tell you first hand that the ground and pound for amateurs really does bring out a whole different dynamic to the game of Mixed Martial Arts. I am excited for the rule change and I hope that you see it fit to pass.

Thanks for your time and consideration

Robert W Joseph
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Gladiators of the Cage.