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From: Dave Klick [mailto:dave_klick@hotmail.com]
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To: Schalles, Scott R.
Subject: Pennsylvania Amateur Rule Change

Mr. Schalles,

I have been a promoter in the state of Ohio since 2007. My company, Cage of Chaos has had about 20 events in Ohio with about 80% of the participants coming from the state of PA. I have since teamed up with Pinnacle Fighting Championships, our goal is to attract the state's (and east coast's) best fighters both amateur and professional and give them a place to call home. This goal is nearly impossible with the current amateur rules. The current rules don't give the amateurs an even playing field with amateur fighters from other states; seriously hindering them upon their entrance to the pro ranks. The current rule change is hindering Pinnacle Fighting Championships from being able to compete against other East Coast Powerhouse Promotions, such as the Lou Neglia's Ring of Combat (New Jersey) and NAAFS(Ohio).

As a lifelong practitioner of combat sports, I believe the current rules do a great disservice to a sport that I love. It is somewhat hard to watch as the amateur fighters, who spend so much time preparing to become the best professionals that they can have to awkwardly avoid "ground and pound" something they are taught from day one as MMA fighters.

It is my belief that the rule change will greatly benefit the state (revenue), fans, promoters, and most of all the fighters. If there is anything that I can do at all to assist this process, please advise.

Thank you,

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