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Silvan Lutkewitte, Chairman Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte,

I am writing to you regarding the Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Waiver (No. 16-53) and would like to express my continued support for this proposed regulatory change.

I believe the State Athletic Commission adequately addressed IRRC's safety and administrative concerns in the preamble to the final rulemaking. The Commission will consider several factors that demonstrate that the amateur contestant can safely compete when granting this waiver. This proposed change protects the health and safety of MMA contestants while providing them with the opportunity to excel within this growing and popular sport. Additionally, it is important to note this proposed change has received wide support from both the MMA community and the State Athletic Commission. Considering that both the regulating agency and the regulated community support this proposed change, I am hopeful that this waiver will receive the support of IRRC at the upcoming April 4th meeting.

This proposed regulatory change continues to receive my full support, and I look forward to its successful passage in the final form phase of the regulatory review process.

Sincerely,

Daryl D. Metcalfe, Chairmán House State Government Committee

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cc: Gregory Sirb, Executive Director State Athletic Commission IRRC