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Dear Mr. Sirb:

I wanted to thank you for your assistance in advancing the amateur rules changes to make MMA significantly more successful in Pennsylvania.

I just had a discussion with a very capable young man that writes frequently on all of the tri state fighters on his MMA website ([www.standthemup.org](http://www.standthemup.org)). His name is Matt Leyshock and he will be applying for a promoter's license in the near future to coincide with the forthcoming changes. The name of his new company will be Pinnacle Fighting Championships. I have high hopes for his success and I am confident he will do a great job. You will enjoy working with him.

In regards to the public comments on the proposed rules changes, you might remember that we submitted the proposed recommendation at the meeting we attended in Harrisburg. I respectfully ask that you consider the following wording again for the waiver process. However, if you are not comfortable with the wording it would be greatly appreciated if you could agree to rule on the waivers within (7) business days to allow promoters sufficient time to organize and promote their events. If they have delays in determining who will be approved for the advanced amateur rules, it could cause them a great deal of difficulty in matchmaking and severely jeopardize the chances of a successful event.

I have only submitted these suggestions to you personally and will leave them at your discretion. I see no need to copy all the politicians that have been assisting us in this transition. I trust your judgment.

The wording changes for the waiver process that we proposed are as follows:

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*“Fighters will be able to fight under the MMA Advanced Amateur Division Rules automatically after (3) verifiable bouts, as long as they have a letter of recommendation from any reputable Mixed Martial Arts Training Facility. A Mixed Martial Arts Training Facility will be considered reputable if they have trained at least (3) different fighters that have competed successfully in previous Mixed Martial Arts Events. In the event a fighter does not train at such a facility and is unable to provide such a letter of recommendation, they will have the ability to petition the State Athletic Commission to fight in the Advance Amateur Division on a case by case basis by filling out the appropriate waiver form from the State Athletic Commission website. The State Athletic Commission will rule on any such waiver requests in writing within (1) week of a fighters request for such waiver in order to facilitate the orderly planning process of all Mixed Martial Arts Promotions.”*

I would also like to cordially invite you to visit us at Fight Club Pittsburgh MMA at your convenience. Monday evenings are usually good times to see fighter sparring. Daniel Gracie will be in town sparring for an upcoming fight this Wednesday if you happen to be on this side of the state.

Feel free to contact me on my personal cell phone at 412-780-3763 if I can assist you with anything.

Most Respectfully,



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