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The Honorable Brian Palmer, Chair
House Education Committee

The Honorable Edward Gaffney, Jr.
House Health Policy Committee

P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Chairman Palmer, Chairman Gaffney and the members of the House Education and Health Policy Committees:

A previously scheduled engagement does not permit my attendance at the committee meeting on April 20 when House Bill No. 4118 will be considered.

Please allow this letter to demonstrate my concern for the subject matter and my support for the approach which HB No. 4118 would take.

The bill would help send the signal that performance enhancing substances are not only unhealthy for young people, they are also unethical. The bill would require local school board action, if it hasn't already occurred, and allow local policies that have the understanding and support of the parents and student-athletes affected. The bill is flexible enough to keep pace with the constantly changing substances that may need to be discouraged and prohibited in educational athletics.

The MHSAA office contains much information on these subjects and is available for consultation if need arises.

Respectfully,

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cc: Representative Dan Acciavatti