

S. 796 Favorable

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The Honorable Jeffrey Sanchez, House Chair
The Honorable Susan C. Fargo, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Public Health
State House, Room A-1
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Sanchez and Senator Fargo:

I write today to ask the committee for swift and favorable action on Senate Bill 796, Senator Steven Baddour's Legislation Relating to Safety Regulations for School Athletic Programs.

Over the course of my college and professional football career I suffered numerous mild concussions as well as one very serious one, where I was unconscious and hospitalized. Over the years the head injuries I received have taken their toll to the degree of causing life long consequences to myself but more importantly my family. I firmly believe that if this law was in place when I was playing sports, I would not be facing these challenges today and would have potentially lengthened my football career as it was cut short due to the mistreatment and neglect of my personal injuries. Due to the nature of sports and competition, athletes will always push themselves past any injury possible to participate. Head injuries are the most dangerous an athlete can suffer, as the brain cannot make proper decisions under it's compromised state.

For this reason I respectfully ask that the Committee give it's approval to Senate Bill 796, so that it may be considered expeditiously by the full Legislature.

Kindest Regards,

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