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The Honorable Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814
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RE: Support AB 1435

Dear Assemblywoman Gonzalez Fletcher,

I am writing on behalf of the One Hit Away Foundation in support of Assembly Bill 1435, which will establish the Athlete Protection Commission and the Athlete Protection Act. This legislation will protect all California college and university athletes participating in intercollegiate athletic programs.

California college athletes face unnecessary health and safety risks due to the lack of best practices requirements to prevent serious injury and death. It is important to maintain safeguards and ensure compliance when it comes to traumatic brain injury, heat stroke, misuse of pain medications, and other high-risk areas associated with college athletics. In addition, the state should act to help prevent and properly address player mistreatment and abuse.

One Hit Away Foundation (OHA) is the only designated 501(C)(3) non-profit organization in the country that provides education, support and resources for healing sports-related brain injuries resulting from concussions and sub-concussions. OHA's focus is on brain healing and the tools for future brain health. Today's sports culture (youth, high school, college and professional) is focusing on recognizing and minimizing sports related brain injuries. No sports organization or agency is even discussing the vital step of administering proven and safe "brain healing" protocols to athletes after the brain damage is done.



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If "brain healing & brain health" protocols were adopted in California colleges, this step would be the cornerstone for its student athletes' futures. It would also send a clear and vital message to all colleges and sports communities across this country. Assembly Bill 1435 may give California's athletes a chance to minimize the life-long tragedies of this "invisible injury".

For these reasons, One Hit Away Foundation supports Assembly Bill 1435.

Sincerely,

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