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Written Statement of
Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc.
before the Pennsylvania House Committee on Children & Health Hearing on prohibiting the
use of non-wood bats (HB 1482) September 27, 2007

Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. is the oldest and largest youth football and cheerleading organization in the world. As such, we have a deeply vested interest in the safety of our young participants, and, therefore, the safety of the equipment they wear and use.

The sporting goods industry and some related organizations (for example, the National Operating Committee for Safety in Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE)) do an outstanding job of inspecting and testing the equipment that's vital to the safety of our young athletes. The government, at any level, does not have the testing ability or facilities to inspect and test athletic equipment to the same level as that provided by the industry.

We strongly believe in government oversight to provide a safe environment for children; however, we feel equally strongly that government has no place in legislating the use of already highly regulated athletic equipment.

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