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Written Statement of  
National Council of Youth Sports  
before the Pennsylvania House Committee on Children & Health  
Hearing on prohibiting the use of non-wood bats (HB 1482)  
September 27, 2007

The National Council of Youth Sports membership represents more than 52-million boys and girls as participants in organized youth sports. The safety of these youngsters is a primary concern and the safety of their equipment is of foremost importance.

Most national league organizations/governing bodies, including NCAA, National Federation of High Schools, Little League, PONY, American Legion, Babe Ruth, have established stringent standards which regulate the performance of non-wood/non-metal bats. The National Operating Committee on Standard for Athletic Equipment's (NOCSAE) mission is to test and evaluate the performance of athletic equipment. Additionally, the manufacturers work closely with league officials, coaches, and scientists to continually assess and improve the safety environment for players.

While the National Council of Youth Sports strongly believes that the government has an essential role to play in providing a safe environment for children; likewise, we strongly believe that government is an inappropriate place for legislation regulating the use of already highly regulated athletic equipment related to any sport.

Yours truly for the kids,

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