



The Honorable Nathan Sosa  
Chair, House Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection

The Honorable Virgile Osborne  
Vice-Chair, House Committee on  
Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Honorable Farrah Chaichi  
Vice-Chair, House Committee on  
Commerce and Consumer Protection

**RE: Support for HB 4024**

Dear Chairman Sosa, Vice-Chair Chaichi, and Vice-Chair Osborne,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4024. Sports Fans Coalition, founded in 2009, is a national non-profit advocacy organization devoted to representing fans wherever public policy impacts the games we love. We are best known for leading the campaign to end the Federal Communications Commission's sports blackout rule, which we accomplished in 2014 despite massive opposition from the NFL and broadcast industry. We are the creators of the Sports Bettors' Bill of Rights, a set of five principles we believe should accompany sports betting legislation to protect consumers while maximizing state revenues. We've also been on the front lines fighting massive media consolidations, the NFL's concussion cover-up, corruption within the United States Soccer Federation and their inequitable treatment of women and youth. Opening the ticket resale market and combatting ticket fraud has been a priority of SFC's for many years. We advocate on behalf of sports fans in all of these areas and more in Washington, DC and state capitals around the country.

We worked with the committee last year on HB 3167, and were pleased with where the bill ended up. We are encouraged that the committee continues to work on these issues, especially by banning speculative ticketing.

Speculative ticket sales involves the sale of tickets by a seller who does not currently possess or have constructive possession of those tickets but intends to acquire them in the future. Without proper disclosure, this practice misleads consumers into believing the seller already has the tickets they are selling and that the order is secure. In reality, if the seller does not possess or have constructive possession of the tickets, the order could be at risk if the seller isn't able to obtain the ticket they offered. These consumer harms are exacerbated if the consumer traveled for the event under the false assumption they had a ticket.

We urge a favorable report.

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