



March 10, 2026

The Honorable Joseph McNamara
Chairman, House Education Committee
Rhode Island State House. Room 135
Providence, RI 02903
RE: H 7115 – Health and Safety of Pupils

Chairman McNamara and members of the House Education Committee,

We at Certor Sports, the parent company of Schutt and VICIS football equipment brands, support state initiatives, like H 7115, aimed at increasing education regarding current and future football protective equipment along with ensuring availability of equipment to all athletes. As the makers of the highest-rated helmet on Virginia Tech's Youth Football Helmet Ranking, and the only football equipment manufacturer to fully certify and warranty properly installed Guardian Caps on its helmets, we believe that coaches, parents, and athletes should have access to the best and most current products and information available. It is through mandated education programs and requirements where we can collectively prioritize and activate player safety at every level of football. It becomes even more important that we collectively shepherd the safety of our children by providing the highest level of product education and ensuring access to the most protective technologies available.

We at Certor believe this is not just a point-in-time process but rather requires continuous oversight, vigilance, and structure to ensure the highest levels of safety for not only this generation of young athletes but all future generations as well. With this in mind, the Certor Sports family stands fully behind any initiative which furthers this cause. We remain dedicated to furthering the safety and health of all athletes and believe any proposed legislation represents a firm step forward in this quest.

On behalf of the company, I would be more than happy to provide any additional insight, information, or commentary which could prove useful when considering this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Erspamer

Chief Executive Officer