



House Ways & Means Committee
House Bill 733: Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission
SUPPORT

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Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair
House Ways & Means Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Atterbeary and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Sport Field Management Association (MASFMA) and its 700 members, we submit this letter in support of ***House Bill House Bill 733: Youth Sports Safety Advisory Commission***.

The Mid-Atlantic Sports Field Management Association (MASFMA) is an organization that is composed of sports field managers and workers from Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia. We have partnered with Maryland Turfgrass Council (MTC) this year to bring a more unified front from all aspects of our industry. MTC represents all areas of the turf industry including golf, sports-turf, sod producers, landscape, lawncare and commercial vendors and suppliers.

As MASFMA and MTC members, we partner together to promote education, teamwork, networking, and best practices among our peers and within the Sports Field Management Industry. Over the last couple of years, MASFMA has created and distributed a Best Management Practices (BMP) manual.

One of the focuses of the BMP manual is to highlight industry specific practices that ensure the safety of the community, and that environment remains the top priority in our line of work. It covers topics to help both managers and workers keep fields safe and playable for athletes of all ages, from children to professionals.

MASFMA and MTC supports this legislation because it promotes player safety as the utmost importance, as well as educating players, parents, and spectators to the new standards that will help minimize serious injuries during field play. The inclusion of MASFMA on this committee will help to ensure that all aspects of player safety are taken into consideration.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your support for House Bill 733 and urge a **FAVORABLE** report from this committee.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at nicole@icloud.com or Patrick Coakley at pcoakley@duraedge.com.

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