



consequence is very much a touchy subject for me and I believe this is where I have the most to say to this committee.

Almost daily we see and hear through the media that a professional athlete has admitted to or is believed to have used illegal steroids for the purpose of enhancing their physical ability to perform. Yet to this date, the consequences of their actions have been mostly verbal threats. I do not wish any professional athlete to be made an example of, but if this committee and professional sports wants to see results they must come up with a comprehensive punishment where the youth of today will see that all levels answer for their actions.

Our kids were given felony charges and dismissed for the remaining seven games of the season. A school within a few miles of our community caught football players admittedly using illegal substances and they were only suspended for two games and have no felony records now. I do not believe that our kids or theirs should have been given felony charges. However, our school followed school policy clearly known by our kids and I assume the police filed charges based on the law.

There must be a clear consequence at all levels so that the kids do fear not only for their health and safety, but also for what will be the end result of their actions.

At this time I would be happy to answer any questions you have for me, to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

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