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To: House K-12 Committee

As the registrar of Manhattan Virtual Academy, I speak to a lot of families wanting to enroll their students with us. Many are discouraged from doing so when they learn their child would not be able to be involved in sports with their local resident school.

Passing HB 2506 would be a tremendous benefit to virtual school students. It is well known that participation in school sports is a major point of connection and growth for young people. They learn commitment, the benefits of hard work, the camaraderie of a team, leadership and so much more.

I strongly support HB 2506, and encourage you to pass this bill.

Thank you.

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