

New York Assembly Bill A02692, John Mackey youth football protection act

The New York State Assembly Committee on Health conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, October 29, in New York City to evaluate the impact of banning youth tackle football for children aged 12 and under.

USA Football, a member of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, firmly believes that parents should own the decision to consider youth tackle football programs for their children.

Currently, New York Assembly Bill A02692, which would bar children aged 12 and under from participating in any form of organized youth tackle football throughout New York, has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Health. A hearing to review and vote on the bill in committee has not been scheduled to date, however, now is the time to share your opposition for such a ban.

We encourage you to refer to the information below to inform yourself and discern how you may respond to this proposed legislation. You may consider calling, writing or emailing your representative to express your thoughts on this bill.

You are welcome to forward this information to others.

BILL A02692, JOHN MACKEY YOUTH FOOTBALL PROTECTION ACT

Link to Bill: [New York Assembly Bill A02692](#)

Summary: This bill would prohibit children twelve years old and younger from playing tackle football.

Introduced by Assembly Member Michael Benedetto (D – District 82)

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TEMPLATES, COMMUNICATION TO REPRESENTATIVES

Sample Email and/or Letter

Date

Members Address

Dear Rep. *insert name*

My name is *insert name*. I am writing today in opposition of Bill A02692, a bill that will prohibit children twelve years old and younger from playing tackle football.

Clearly, concisely, and respectfully share why you oppose Bill A02692. If any supporting documents are attached for the lawmaker to read, address why they're attached and their importance. Share your personal story on how being a member of the youth football family has benefitted your life or someone you love.

Thank you.

Name

Insert your contact info (they need this information to send a response.)

Sample Phone Script

**First, greet lawmaker or staff member on other line once call is answered.*

My name is *insert name*, and I am calling to voice my opposition to Bill A02692, a bill that will prohibit children twelve years old and younger from playing tackle football.

Clearly, concisely, and respectfully share why you oppose Bill A02692.

Thank you for your time today. Parents remain the best decision-maker for what sports their kids may or may not play – not lawmakers. We are not in position, nor do we have sufficient information, to deny them that right.

**Politely sign off the telephone*