



**Association of
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POSITION STATEMENT ON COMBAT SPORTS GEAR HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNING

The Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports Athletes Voice Committee recognizes that traumatic brain injury including concussion and CTE are serious occupational risks of combative sports. Education is an important aspect of informed participation for all athletes in combative sports.

To this end the Committee supports the following initiative.

Every manufacturer of combat sports gloves, shin guards and headgear place a prominent warning on their product that states, at minimum, as follows:

“WARNING - This product does not protect the user nor their training partners from traumatic brain injury, including concussion and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)”