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Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2026 3:35 PM
To: Commission, Athletic, RLD
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bare Knuckle fighting in NM

Dear Members of the New Mexico State Athletic Commission,

I am writing to express my support for maintaining the legality of bare-knuckle fighting in New Mexico. This sport has a long and respected history, and its modern form has evolved into a regulated, professional competition that prioritizes athlete safety while preserving the authenticity and intensity that fans appreciate.

Bare-knuckle fighting provides opportunities for skilled combatants to compete under clear rules and medical oversight. The events are sanctioned, monitored, and held to high standards of safety and professionalism. Prohibiting this sport would not only limit athletic freedom but also drive it underground, where safety and regulation cannot be ensured.

New Mexico has always been a state that values athletic diversity and innovation. By continuing to allow bare-knuckle fighting, the Commission supports both the athletes who train and compete responsibly and the fans who value this unique discipline.

I respectfully urge the Commission to keep bare-knuckle fighting legal and continue to uphold the standards that make New Mexico a leader in combat sports regulation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Glen O'Canna