

Committee on Energy and Commerce

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of
Member Janice Schakowsky**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I want to thank Congresswoman Trahan.

I don't know if there are any other former athletes who really know what's going on and have experienced the rights of the athletes, and I thought that we were on our way to having a bipartisan bill that would actually take into account more of the things that are needed.

We have to make sure that all of our athletes are treated well and that they have the best regulations, and I am very disappointed that we are moving ahead with the knowledge by the Republicans that we wanted to have some more discussions.

As much as my friend Gus Bilirakis and I get along, I think that this is premature and I'm sorry that we didn't take into account the things that our real athlete has suggested.

And with that I yield back.