

September 10, 2026

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jacky Rosen
Member, Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for S. 5188, the Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, and Senator Rosen:

My name is Nico Ali Walsh. I am a professional boxer and the grandson of Muhammad Ali.

I will be candid: I strongly opposed the original version of this bill because I believed fighters deserved better. Over the past several months, I have fought **hard** for changes — meeting with senators, policymakers, attorneys, and speaking with anyone who could help **strengthen the protections this legislation provides to boxers**, while still trying to maintain my career as an active fighter. I am proud that many of the changes I fought for are now reflected in the bill before the Senate.

My grandfather fought for protections for fighters, inside the ring and out, and I will always stand on that principle. The changes I pushed for give fighters:

- **Shorter promotional contracts**
- A meaningful path to **Free Agency**
- **Transparent and accountable ranking** systems
- A clear **firewall between Promoters and UBO's** and Fighter Managers
- **Financial disclosure** requirements that hold UBO's to the **same standards as traditional promoters**

Those are not small changes. They give fighters more leverage, more transparency and more control over the decisions that shape their careers. That is exactly what I believe my grandfather fought for throughout his life.

I am proud of the progress that has been made, and I am proud of everyone who was willing to sit down and work through the hard parts of it. I support legislation that I believe better protects fighters while advancing my grandfather's legacy.

I express my support and encourage the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee to advance the Muhammad Ali American Boxing Revival Act (MAABRA), S. 5188 and the full Senate to support its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nico Ali Walsh