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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

As required by Section 5 of the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80/1 *et seq.*), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) facilitated a study with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), the agency responsible for oversight of the Boxing and Full-Contact Martial Arts Act (225 ILCS 105) (the Act). This letter transmits the results of this study and provides justification to continue the Act.

The Act governs the licensure provided by IDFPR of professional full contact martial arts disciplines and boxing in the State of Illinois. Full-contact martial arts disciplines and boxing have long been considered some of the world's most dangerous sports in which to participate. Professional and amateur athletes participate globally under recognized rules which protect their health, safety and welfare. The absence of licensing criteria for the boxing and full contact martial arts disciplines would pose a significant and direct harm to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Based on the factors in 5 ILCS 80/6 and the additional criteria in 5 ILCS 80/7, GOMB finds that the Act should be recommended for continuation. The record should expressly state that the public protection benefits of regulation outweigh the regulatory costs and that no less restrictive alternative would adequately address the significant and discernible harms identified in this report.

My office has reviewed this report and agrees with the recommendation to continue the Act. I present this report to the General Assembly for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".

Governor JB Pritzker