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To: Kelly Wells <kwells@sbsports.org>, Ryan Romaguera <ryan@romaguera.com>, Adam MacDowell <AMacDowell@lhsaa.org>, Kate Adams <kadams@lhsaa.org>

For your review only ... lets chat next week ... do not reply to this email ... I will do so with your input ...

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike <millers.consulting@yahoo.com>
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Eddie, Adam, Kate, as well as whom it may concern,

Recently the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission found my phone number online and reached out to me. They were looking for sponsors, and wanted to know if I would be interested, or knew others that might be. I was intending on sponsoring, as I try my best to help the sport of wrestling, and most importantly the kids involved in it.

It has been a blessing for the state tournament to be in Bossier the past years. Both for our local economy, as well as the convenience. I will still be going, even though my son is hurt and out for the rest of his senior year. I would like to add however, that I am blown away by the arrogance of the LHSAA and their handling of the State Tournament. It has progressively gotten worse year by year. The pictures they offer, provided by Romapics are a joke to say the least. Not only do you have to search through thousands of photos to find one of your wrestler to buy, due to them not being categorized, but also you're lucky if after all that searching, it even yields a picture of your wrestler. They are extremely overpriced, of very poor quality, and due to what I assume is a lack of knowledge of the sport, aren't even good action shots. In addition, you have to contract them ahead of time, lets just say before a finals match, to even assure they take pictures of that match. YES, that means paying in advance. In my mind, this almost guarantees that the LHSAA is getting a good kick back from them, given they are the sole provider for photo service. This

year, it looks as though even Martin Muller will not get media passes, as he has in the past. This is ludicrous to witness. This man travels the state, all year long, to take pictures at duals, tri's, and tournaments, of kids from every team. He knows what he is doing, when to shoot, and is apparently being blackballed this year, so Romapics and the LHSAA can increase profit off of proud parents and coaches. Of all the matches he attends through the year, and all that I have attended, guess how many the LHSAA is at, providing this Romapics picture service, or any service for that matter. Its going to be somewhere around the 0 mark. To most local parents, including myself at the helm, it appears the LHSAA has turned this event, the championship of the purest sport of all time, into a money grab. More about filling their pockets, than about our kids, these boys and girls that work twice as hard as anyone else, all year.

Given my opinions, I will NOT be purchasing a sponsorship at the State tournament. I will NOT recommend that anyone I know purchase one either. I really hope you've taken the time to read this, and consider my opinions, as they are the same as many. I hope it doesn't fall on deaf ears, and I hope you consider reshaping the way that photos are handled. For the parent who spend thousands all year long traveling, who sponsor high school teams and absorb even more cost. For the kids, who work their tails off on and off the mat, and for those that are less fortunate than others. That cant afford to pay Romapics, ridiculous amounts of money, yet still deserve good pictures of their wrestler. Shame on you LHSAA, shame on you.

Proud yet concerned parent
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