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### **KBWC Welcomes Televised Live WWE Events Back to the Bluegrass** *Events held this week in Bowling Green and Louisville*

**Frankfort, Ky.** (April 19, 2017) – Kentucky wrestling fans got a double dose of WWE excitement this week with events in Bowling Green and Louisville. The Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Commission (KBWC) worked with WWE to coordinate consecutive live events that attracted Kentucky professional wrestling fans from across the state.

Thousands of fans flocked to WWE Live on Monday night in Bowling Green at E.A. Diddle Arena and SmackDown live on Tuesday in Louisville at the KFC YUM! Center.

“We are thrilled to have had such a positive response and great turnout at both events,” said KBWC Chairman Chad Miller. “Kentucky’s combat sports fans are excited to see live televised events return to the state, and the regulatory changes made as part of the Governor’s Red Tape Reduction Initiative ensure that we will see more events like this in the future.”

WWE had not scheduled a live televised event in Kentucky since 2010 because of cumbersome state regulations such as the “cut rule,” which required an athlete to leave a live match if he or she bled. This regulation and others were addressed as part of the Red Tape Reduction Initiative, which also reorganized the former Boxing and Wrestling Authority to form the KBWC.

To date, Governor Bevin’s Red Tape Reduction Initiative is responsible for repealing 151 regulations and targeting an additional 338 regulations for repeal. Over 1,900 of Kentucky’s 4,700 regulations have been reviewed as part of the initiative. Visit <http://redtapereduction.com/> to learn more.

The Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Commission oversees all professional boxing, wrestling, and full contact competitive bouts and exhibitions in Kentucky. Learn more about the commission at <http://kbwa.ky.gov>.

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