



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Commissioner

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
The Capitol, S-230
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
The Capitol, S-221
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

I am writing to offer the National Football League's full support for the revised **First Step Act**, legislation that brings much needed reforms to our criminal justice system by increasing fairness in sentencing and helping incarcerated individuals prepare for productive lives upon their release.

NFL players and our teams have come together over the past several seasons to unite on the issue of justice for all – securing equal rights and protections under the law for every American, while also ensuring that our law enforcement personnel have the proper resources, tools, and training to maintain public safety. This legislation is a good first step toward achieving those goals.

Through the NFL's Social Justice Initiative, NFL players and all 32 teams have supported community-based programs and initiatives that reduce barriers to opportunity, with a specific focus on three key areas:

- **Education and Economic Advancement;**
- **Improving Police-Community Relations; and**
- **Criminal Justice Reform.**

Because of the collective efforts of NFL players and teams, states are moving criminal justice reforms forward. Enactment of the federal First Step Act would be a complement to those state efforts and, hopefully, encourage more states to pass long-overdue reforms that increase rehabilitation, strengthen and reunite families, and improve public safety.

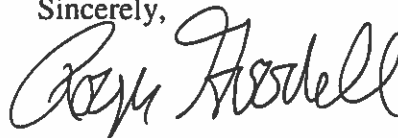
The National Football League applauds President Trump and the bipartisan leaders in Congress who have worked diligently, some over many years, to bring about this compromise

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legislation. Ultimately, we all share a responsibility to find a path towards greater dialogue, understanding, and unity.

We stand ready to assist you as you seek to enact this legislation into law.

Sincerely,



ROGER GOODELL

cc: The Honorable Chuck Grassley
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Lindsay Graham
The Honorable Richard Durbin
The Honorable Mike Lee
The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
The Honorable Cory Booker
The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
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