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Mr. Roger Goodell
Commissioner, National Football League
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Re: NFL's Donating money with the result of increased violent crime

Dear Commissioner Goodell,

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the more than 240,000 law enforcement officers we represent, including officers in a sizable majority of the cities represented by the League's teams, I write to you to call you out on your funding of programs that directly contribute to the soaring levels of violent crime on our streets.

The League's funding of groups such as the Vera Institute of Justice and the Community Justice Exchange enables these radical organizations to push their agendas of defunding, dismantling, and abolishing police departments across the nation. The result has been an extraordinary increase in violent crime. You cannot be unaware of what's going on, so why have the League support it? Even the elected leaders of NFL cities like San Francisco and Minneapolis have changed tack and are now admitting, no surprise, that the attempt to get rid of the police has had the completely foreseeable consequence of increased murders and violent crime of all kinds. So why does your League still pay money to make this happen?

According to its own website, the Community Justice Exchange is seeking "[T]o end all forms of criminalization, incarceration, surveillance, supervision, and detention." You were trained as a lawyer. You must see the consequences of this goal. Maybe the persons who are no longer detained when they've murdered someone don't come home to your own neighborhood, but they do come home to the streets we patrol. Maybe the family members of the additional murder victims and slain and injured officers don't hang out at your Park Avenue headquarters. But it's our members who have to knock on their door in the middle of the night to let them know their son, daughter, or spouse won't be coming home.

No one works harder to improve all aspects of communities, including communities of color, than do our members. Literally scores of officers every year die trying.

Stop funding programs that get people killed.

Sincerely,

Michael McHale
President