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Roger S. Goodell
Commissioner
National Football League
280 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Goodell

As a Breast Cancer survivor, I ask that the National Football League suspend the activities of the Jacksonville Jaguars to Shahid Khan until his company's Flex-N-Gate (formerly Chrome Craft) Highland Park, Michigan site is Cancer- Agent- Free.

Are the lives of the urban poor and people of color any less valuable than that of an NFL quarterback? The NFL will suspend and fine players for quarterback endangerment. Will a penalty flag be thrown for a prospective NFL team owner when the profits enabling of the Jaguars is derived from endangering citizens of Highland Park and Detroit with discharges of Cancer-Causing Hexavalent Chromium onto our land and sewage systems?

In the name of environmental justice, I ask that the NFL delay the activities of the Jacksonville Jaguars until properties owned by Mr. Kahn are scientifically certified to be Free of Cancer-Causing-Agents such as Hexavalent Chromium. This action may be the only leverage our community can exert to ensure compliance with the humane business practices. This is an opportunity for the NFL to do more than simply wear pink. These Cancer-Causing-Agents could threaten urban farming in Detroit and surrounding areas.

Mr. Goodell, I don't want others to go through what I went through with Chemotherapy and its side effects including uncontrollable nausea, vomiting, hair loss and unimaginable stress that only my faith and prayer got me through.

I am sure you and Mr. Khan will do the right thing for people of this community and the NFL. Our citizens deserve better.

Sincerely,

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