

May 18, 2012

Mr. Roger Goodell
345 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10017



NFL PLAYERS
ASSOCIATION

Dear Mr. Goodell,

We, the former players, widows and survivors of former players of the National Football League, fully support the proposal set forth in the March 2, 2012 letter from Cornelius Bennett, NFLPA Former Players Board of Directors Chairman, to New York Giants owner and NFLMC executive committee member John Mara, in which Cornelius requested that the NFL Clubs pay the widows and survivors for the legacy from which each team continues to profit.

The cost to include the widows and survivors in the Legacy Benefit is approximately \$14 million total, or \$437,500 per team. We understand the NFL has offered to pay 51 percent of the cost of including the widows and survivors in the Legacy Benefit. However, the NFL wants to pay for its 51 percent of the benefit by using fine money collected from active player salaries for discipline issued by you relating to on-field conduct. Unlike the original Legacy Benefit -- which required the NFL to fund its 51 percent of that benefit from money outside of the player cost cap -- the NFL's proposal would fund its 51 percent of the widows and survivors benefit from the active players' share of revenues through these fines. The NFL, therefore, is asking the players to fund 100 percent of the widows and survivors benefit out of the players' share of revenues.

Under the CBA, player fine money is now being used to fund the Gene Upshaw Player Assistance Trust Fund and other programs to assist former players. Any diversion of this fine money to other benefits would significantly reduce the funding for these vital programs for former players. We cannot and should not make that concession.

We know how much each club values our fallen brothers, husbands and fathers by how they display their numbers and likenesses throughout their stadiums, luxury suites and gift shops and by the sale of the popular throwback uniforms made famous by our legends. A one-time payment to the widows and survivors represents a small percentage of those earnings; however, it would mean the world to the families of the players who helped build the game.

Our families are waiting for the NFL and its clubs to do the right thing. We look forward to your prompt and honorable response on this matter.

Best regards,

Name:

Team(s):

Years Played: