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Mr. Chuck Canterbury  
National President  
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Dear Mr. Canterbury:

Commissioner Goodell shared with me your letter dated November 20, 2015, in which you repeated concerns you had initially expressed in a letter that you sent to the Commissioner in 2013 regarding the NFL policy restricting firearms inside NFL stadiums. As we advised you in our response to that letter, and want to emphasize again today, the NFL has the highest level of respect for people in law enforcement, including your members. The NFL certainly does not believe that off-duty law enforcement officers pose a security risk to fans, players or NFL employees. To the contrary, as the former Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, I have the highest regard for all law enforcement officers as well as full confidence in their ability to enforce the law and protect public safety. However, I believe that security at NFL stadiums is best served by limiting firearms to on-duty law enforcement officers assigned a specific working function at the stadium.

The recent terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino have not changed my belief. As you know, the *NFL Best Practices for Stadium Security* was instituted in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against the US to counter the threat of terrorism at NFL stadiums. These security standards are constantly being evaluated and strengthened in response to ongoing events in order to ensure that we are deploying the most comprehensive and effective terrorism countermeasures inside and outside our stadiums. The NFL's current practices are certified and designated as Qualified Antiterrorism Technology by the US Department of Homeland Security under the SAFETY Act.

During the current year, the NFL continues to average more than 500 civilian security personnel and 150 uniformed armed police officers at every stadium at every game. The officers are specially trained and participate in weekly meetings regarding day security and law enforcement planning, strategy and emergency response protocol. The officers know each other, work together on a regular basis and have specific game day responsibilities and duties. As a result of their hard work and dedication, NFL stadiums remain one of the safest environments in the world to enjoy spectator sports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey B. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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