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Commissioner Roger Goodell
345 Park Ave.
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Re: Saints versus Rams NFC Championship Game
Date of Breach: 01-20-2019

Dear Commissioner,

Please be advised that we have been asked to investigate any and all potential causes of action that may exist against the NFL and the NFL Referees Association over the actions and/or inactions that took place on January 20, 2019 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Specifically, your officiating crew ignored multiple offenses committed by a Los Angeles Rams player (Nickell Robey Coleman) within the last two minutes of the game that materially affected the outcome of the game. Nickell Robey Coleman clearly committed pass interference, initiated helmet to helmet contact and face guarded the New Orleans receiver all in violation of the rules and directly in front of your officiating crew. Anyone with eyes and a novice as to the rules of football witnessed the obvious pass interference and helmet to helmet contact. Yet, the trained professional officials sat idly by and made no call. The player who committed the penalty has admitted his violation and based upon public statements made by the Saints Coach, Sean Payton, the NFL has acknowledged several "blown calls" including the call that is the subject of this correspondence that materially altered the outcome of the game.

The NFL has an obligation to its fans and ticket holders to enforce its own rules such that the integrity of the game is not called into question. The NFL's rules allow for you to take action so that an irreparable harm does not occur by allowing the outcome of the Saints - Rams game to remain intact. Rule 17, Section 2, Article 3 allows for "the reversal of a game's result either from the beginning or from the point at which the extraordinary act occurred." Surely, this rule and authority is reserved unto you to correct injustices that would otherwise tarnish the NFL emblem, the integrity of the game and the history of the game and its Champions. At present a large asterisk sits next to the title NFC Champions. Allowing the status quo to stand is a "black eye" on the history and integrity of the game which you have been entrusted to preserve and protect.

Please consider this correspondence as a formal request that you exercise your authority pursuant to Rule 17, Section 2, Article 3. If the circumstances aforementioned do not warrant the exercise of your authority pursuant to Rule 17, Section 2, Article 3 then this rule is meaningless, rendering any suggestion of integrity in the NFL severely misplaced.

Sincerely,



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