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Senator Bill Dodd
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California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assemblyman Adam Gray
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NFL Letter in Support of Statewide Mobile Sports Betting

Dear Senator Dodd, Assemblyman Gray and members of the California State Legislature:

On behalf of the National Football League (“NFL”), I am writing to express our support for legislation to create vital statutory and regulatory safeguards for sports betting in the state of California. There is no greater priority for the NFL than protecting the integrity of our games and the welfare of our players. Fans, players, coaches, and personnel deserve to know that we are doing everything possible to ensure no improper influences affect how our games are played and that we are taking all appropriate steps to ensure that their participation in our games is not subjected to unfair and unwarranted allegations relating to sports gambling.

To protect the integrity of our sporting contests and the participants in those events, there are four core standards for sports betting that we would ask the California State Legislature to consider:

1. A legal, regulated sports betting environment with substantial consumer protections, including mobile sports betting which is a key component of moving the illegal market into a regulated setting;
2. Protection of our content and intellectual property, including from those who attempt to steal or misuse it;
3. Fan access to official, reliable league data; and
4. Adequate resources, including monitoring and enforcement tools necessary for law enforcement to protect our fans by eliminating the illegal sports betting marketplace and penalizing bad actors.

State legislators and regulators have an important role to play in ensuring that our nation's professional and amateur sports are free from corruption and that public confidence in our games and the athletes, coaches and administrators involved in them, remains intact. Because of the significant potential impact of widespread, legalized sports betting on the integrity of our games,

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we strongly support enacting enforceable policy changes through legislation to regulate sports betting in California.

We commend Senator Dodd and Assemblyman Gray for their leadership in California on sports betting. The amended versions of SCA 6 and ACA 16 include measures that will help to protect the integrity of sports in a regulated sports betting environment and we look forward to being of assistance to the legislature as it works to move this legislation forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Nabavi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "N".

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