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Roger Goodell
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National Football League
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Dear Commissioner Goodell:

I am writing today to encourage you to support National Football League (NFL) fans and workers across the country by giving preference to companies that produce on-field and replica apparel in the United States.

In Congress, we are working to create a stronger economic climate by supporting a “Make it in America” initiative, which seeks to strengthen our nation’s manufacturing sector, grow the economy, and create sustainable middle class jobs. As part of this effort, I recently authored an amendment directing the Department of Homeland Security to make its uniforms in the United States. I ask that you consider implementing a similar policy by giving preference to contractors that produce on-field and replica jerseys in America.

The NFL has shown incredible growth over the years, climbing to the top of the American sporting world. The loyalty and passion for the NFL is on display every game day as players and fans proudly wear their team’s uniforms while experiencing the thrill of professional football. In your recent letter to the fans, you spoke of enhancing “the bond between our game and the passionate fans who sustain it.” I cannot think of a better way to show that commitment than by giving preference to the production of all on-field and replica NFL apparel in America.

In a recent ABC News story prior to the Super Bowl, the NFL indicated that it would be open to such a policy. I would welcome the opportunity to work with you and the NFL as we seek to promote the “Make it in America” initiative.

Sincerely,



Kathy Hochul
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