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Chapter Members,

At the recent annual meetings of the NFLA Board of Directors and Board of Chapter Presidents there was a thorough and open discussion about the opportunities for the NFL Alumni organization to merge with a retired NFL players advocacy group called Fourth and Goal. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to embrace the merger.

The Board of Directors think, and I fully concur, that it is in the best interest of the NFL Alumni to expand our mission to advocate for the retired players who need to have a voice that will be heard by those who can make a difference for the players. Fourth and Goal has proved to be a reasonable group that understands the best ways to approach the NFL and the NFL Players Association to gain benefits for former NFL players. During the past year Commissioner Goodell has visited cities around the country to talk with players about their concerns. I also attended these meetings on behalf of NFLA. The issues were always the same -- improve the pension, fix the disability process so those disabled from playing in the NFL can get disability help, assist those who cannot get reasonable health insurance to be able to obtain reasonable health insurance and lastly was the question of, "who represents us, the former players?".

The Commissioner heard these concerns loud and clear and has responded by encouraging both groups to take up the cause under one umbrella. We will continue to do the work of raising monies for children's charities through the chapter network as we have done for the past 30 + years as well as going back to our roots of advocating for player needs. We believe this will improve and expand our membership base and give the NFL Alumni organization a higher profile to the public and the League. While the two boards have not had a meeting to work out the merger itself, the NFLA board and I are committed to work with the Fourth and Goal board members to do what is best to make this happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank W. Krauser". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Frank Krauser
President & CEO