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Chris Shelton, President
Communications Workers of America
501 3rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Lonnie Stephenson, President
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
900 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: NFLPA Supports Striking Workers of CWA and IBEW

Dear Mr. Shelton and Mr. Stephenson:

The National Football League Players Association has a proud history of being the Union that represents the best interests of professional football players. Much like the rest of organized labor, the NFLPA strives to ensure that all of our members are fairly represented in matters concerning safety, wages, benefits, and working conditions. Consistent with this tradition, the NFLPA and its members – the nearly 1,700 football players of the National Football League – pledge their support towards the approximately 39,000 fellow union members of the Communications Workers of America and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers who are engaged in a long strike against Verizon and Verizon Wireless across the eastern United States. The NFLPA stands in solidarity with these striking workers who are seeking a fair and just contract for themselves and their families.

The NFLPA recognizes the hard work and dedication of CWA and IBEW employees who make it possible for millions of football fans to enjoy NFL games on their TVs and smart phones. Our Union is concerned that after months of negotiations, key issues still remain unresolved: Verizon's closure of customer service centers and its off-shoring of American jobs; the company's insistence that employees agree to work far from their homes for two-month rotations; and its refusal to negotiate in good faith a fair contract with the employees of Verizon and Verizon Wireless.

We urge the parties to resolve this ongoing dispute with a fair and equitable collective bargaining agreement that reflects the hard work of tens of thousands of union workers employed by Verizon and Verizon Wireless.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



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