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Attn. Josh Harris Ownership Group & President Jason Wright:

In the wake of the [re-appearance of Native American imagery](#) at the Washington Commanders, the co-founders of Rebrand Racist Mascots encourage you to revisit conversations Jason Wright shared with Native Peoples in 2021. The conversations concluded with an understanding that Native American themes must be avoided in future team names, imagery, chants, songs, and lore, including throwback uniforms and merchandise. [Jason Wright declared publicly in 2021 that Native American names and logos would not be used by the team.](#)

[Decades of scientific research](#) conclude that Native-themed mascots have many harmful impacts, including lowering the self-esteem of Indigenous youth. Please abide by the wishes of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the largest governing body of Indigenous Nations in North America. The NCAI has long denounced Native-themed mascots and iconography with sports clubs, regardless of user intent.

We look forward to a future without anti-Native mascots in our schools and on our athletic fields. We hope the Washington Commanders will avoid the use of Native-themed imagery in the future.

[Rebrand Racist Mascots](#) was founded in 2015 under the name of Rebrand Washington Football. RWF and Indigenous allies' hand-delivered thousands of 'change the name' petition signatures to Washington Football Team headquarters each year between 2015-21.

Sincerely,

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