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Sunil Gulati
President
U.S. Soccer Federation
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear Mr. Gulati,

I am writing today regarding the United States Soccer Federation's decision to deny the North American Soccer League (NASL) professional sanctioning at the Division II level for the 2018 season.

The New York Cosmos, one of the NASL clubs, has a dedicated following in the New York City area, which benefits our fine city, as well as the sport of soccer in general. The Cosmos have been a welcome addition to Coney Island, attracting tens of thousands of visitors and tourists, well beyond the summer season. The Cosmos organization has created an abundance of jobs in New York State for players, coaches, office personnel, and stadium workers. Businesses such as area restaurants, local shops, hotels, and amusement parks have all profited from the increased foot traffic brought in from Cosmos fans patronizing games.

It is my understanding the Cosmos participation in a Division II League is vital for maintaining this sport's economic success in New York. I am requesting that you give consideration to reversing this decision, within the bounds of appropriate regulations, maintaining the NASL Division II status. If you have any questions, please contact my district office at 718-368-9176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chaim Deutsch".

Chaim Deutsch
Council Member, 48th District