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Mr. Dan Flynn, Secretary
U.S. Soccer Federation
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
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Dear Mr. Flynn,

I am writing regarding The U.S. Soccer Federation's ("USSF") recent decision to deny the North American Soccer League ("NASL") professional sanctioning at the Division 2 level for the 2018 season. A decision that I hope you will be willing to reconsider.

The New York Cosmo's have played an important role in the history of soccer and development. The team has been a wonderful addition to Brooklyn's Coney Island neighborhood, in my district. This team attracts tens of thousands of visitors and helps to extend the tourist season beyond the summer months. This is not only a tourist attraction, but also helps to grow the economy in Coney Island by creating numerous jobs. All the local businesses also benefit from the increased visits and extended seasons from the Cosmo fans.

I am urging you to maintain the Cosmos and NASL Division 2 status so they can continue to bolster the economy in Coney Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane J. Savino".

Diane J. Savino
NYS Senator, 23rd District