



**NFLRA Endorses Statements by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell
and NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith**

Below is a statement unanimously endorsed by the NFLRA Board of Directors:

WASHINGTON – As the Union representing the NFL Officials, we stand against injustice and support the recent statements by NFL and NFLPA leadership calling for positive change and action to promote racial equality in our country.

On the football field, officials must administer the rules of the game without preference or bias. But NFLRA members are not only football officials, they are fathers and mothers and community leaders, and many have seen the disparities caused by race in their daily lives. The NFLRA supports the continuing efforts of our officials who are encouraging and participating in their communities to make necessary improvements a reality.

We are committed to joining with players, coaches and owners in condemning discrimination and believe that there is no cause more just than racial equality.

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