



An Open Letter from the President of the NFL Retired Players Association

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The mission of the NFL Retired Players Association (RPA) is to advocate for the health and well being of its members, retired professional football players, their families and communities. One of the most prevalent and pressing issues facing our constituents is the growing and on-going debilitating effects of repeated head trauma sustained in the course of participation in professional football, and college level contact sports.

One aspect of that advocacy is to encourage the NFL, equipment manufacturers and healthcare organizations to invest in and work towards implementing changes to equipment and rules to better protect the current players of professional football to reduce or eliminate the repeated head trauma prevalent in today's game.

Another, and potentially more important aspect of our work is to encourage medical researchers to develop improved diagnostics and treatments to reduce or eliminate the debilitating neurodegenerative conditions caused by repeated head trauma experienced by so many of our members. This is what I would like to address today.

For the last two years, I have followed the progress of research being conducted by Halberd Corporation in the development of treatments to eliminate the physiologic causes of neurodegenerative diseases, such as early onset Alzheimer's Disease, ALS, Parkinson's Disease and most importantly, suicide ideation. These conditions have been linked to excess proteins and inflammatory cytokines present in the cerebrospinal fluid of head trauma patients. Halberd's early research successes in reducing the levels of these head trauma products to normal levels in the laboratory provides hope that a successful treatment for those suffering its ill effects is in sight. I applaud Halberd in their dedication to bringing this about.

I personally and professionally endorse and encourage Halberd Corporation to continue their efforts to develop a viable treatment to bring relief to our current and future members of the NFL Retired Players Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Eller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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