



November 18, 2009

Paul Thatcher  
Chair, Finance Committee  
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission  
900 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Commissioner Thatcher:

The Minnesota Vikings are shocked, exasperated and extremely disappointed by the flawed “revenue relief” proposal advanced by you and passed in your Committee on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. This action was a cynical attempt to advance a “proposal” that you know is totally unacceptable to the Minnesota Vikings and fails to address the issues important to both the short-term and long-term success of this franchise in Minnesota. We can’t help but note the irony that the actions in your Committee threaten the Viking’s future relationship with the MSFC -- a Commission which claims it has a mandate to keep the Vikings in Minnesota.

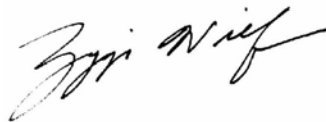
While we have been trying to negotiate in good faith for over ten months to resolve these financial issues, the Commission has dragged its feet on these negotiations with no measureable progress. Worse, you didn’t even extend to us the simple courtesy of letting us know you were prepared to offer this unacceptable proposal before your Committee. We can’t conceive of treating a tenant in such a disrespectful manner if the goal is to retain a valued tenant with a new, long-term lease.

Despite the fact the Vikings are at the bottom of the League in stadium revenues and have the most uncompetitive stadium deal in the NFL, this ownership group has made significant investments – from ownership capital, not stadium revenues – to turn this team around and inject a renewed sense of enthusiasm and pride in the Minnesota Vikings. We have recruited and signed some of the most talented players in professional football, attracted the right coaching staff and made several other improvements to this franchise without any guarantees of obtaining a competitive stadium.

Come February, the Minnesota Vikings will have only 20 games remaining on our Metrodome lease. As the last tenant in the Metrodome, we would expect to be treated fairly and with some minimum level of respect. Your actions yesterday leave us confused and questioning the future of this franchise.

As a result, we have instructed our management team to suspend any further engagement with the MSFC unless and until the Commission gets serious about resolving the near-term revenue issues and acting like a partner with us to retain this valued franchise in the Minnesota for the next generation of fans. The time for more political games on this issue has expired. Actions – not words – will signal to us whether the Commission is a partner or an obstructionist in our efforts to resolve our long-term stadium issue. We look forward to the MSFC joining with the Governor and State Leaders in moving this discussion forward.

Sincerely,



Zygi Wilf  
Owner/Chairman



Mark Wilf  
Owner/President

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MSFC Commissioners  
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