



May 30, 2011

Mr. Gary Bettman and the Board of Governors,
National Hockey League
1185 Avenue of the Americas, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10036
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Bettman and Members of the Board of Governors:

The Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit is writing to express our support for the sentiments expressed by Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Dr. Peter Jaffe, Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario and Executive Director of the Centre For Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children, and Mr. Ray Hughes, National Coordinator, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Centre for Prevention and Science in their recent letter to you. We are very concerned about the recent and ongoing incidents of fighting and violence in the NHL.

The Board recognizes that reducing violence in hockey is a necessary step in a comprehensive approach to addressing violence in society as a whole, particularly, as identified by the letter, in the prevention of violence against women and children.

With great respect, and in accordance with our colleagues at the Middlesex-London Board of Health, please accept our endorsement of their request that the NHL do more to effectively eliminate fighting and checks to the head. Hockey is a great game and we are counting on you to protect your players from injury and role model for the millions of Canadians who enjoy and play the game.

Yours in health,

Original signed by

Andy Sharpe
Chair, Board of Health
for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit

cc: Ontario Boards of Health

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