



June 26, 2013

Mr. Stephen M. Ross
Chairman of the Board / Managing General Partner
The Miami Dolphins, Sun Life Stadium
347 Don Shula Drive
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

Dear Mr. Ross,

As Chairman of the Florida Hispanic Legislative Caucus (FHLC), representing the twenty members of the Caucus, I must convey my sincerest disappointment in the recent actions you have undertaken this week in recklessly attacking members of the Hispanic Caucus. As you very well know, the FHLC did not take an official position on the issue of using tax dollars to finance renovations to Sun Life Stadium since we had members advocating on both sides of this contentious issue. The Caucus respected the legislative process and decided not to intervene in the political affairs of the individual members. We understand that you certainly have a right to express your discontentment; however, directly attacking legislators because of their decision to adhere to their principles in standing with their constituency on an issue directly affecting your own financial viability is reprehensible and certainly condemnable.

The Miami Dolphins organization has been embraced by the Miami-Dade community since the establishment of the franchise in 1966; this community deserves more respect from you and your organization. The FHLC has enjoyed a working relationship with the Miami Dolphins for many years. Your attacks on our Caucus members will undoubtedly compromise any opportunity for collaboration on this issue or any other which may arise in future legislative sessions. This is unfortunate not only for the Miami Dolphins, but also for the South Florida community which has always held the Miami Dolphins in high regard. The attacks you initiated upon our Caucus members may diminish the sense of goodwill the Miami Dolphins have worked so hard to establish and preserve throughout the years.

I truly hope you reconsider the course of action you have embarked upon and issue a full and public apology to all elected officials you have attacked in your reaction to our democratic legislative process. This community deserves better discourse between its elected officials and business leaders.

Sincerely,

Senator René García
Chairman
Florida Hispanic Legislative Caucus

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