

United States Senate

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Mr. Roger Goodell
Commissioner
National Football League
280 Park Avenue
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Dear Commissioner Goodell:

I am writing to express my support for New Jersey's bid to host Super Bowl XLVIII in the state-of-the-art Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford in 2014.

The Meadowlands Stadium, the soon-to-be home of the Giants and Jets, is the newest and greenest facility in the NFL. A memorandum of understanding with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the green practices for the design, construction and operation of the stadium is a testament to the team's commitment to environmental responsibility. In addition to an eco-friendly environment, the Meadowlands' location provides excellent transportation options with three airports, numerous highways, and direct train and bus service to the stadium.

Moreover, bringing the game to the Garden State will allow the NFL to benefit from the fanbase in a metropolitan area of more than 18 million while providing a host of benefits to the region's economy. According to a soon to be released study by both the Giants and Jets, the 2014 Super Bowl would generate significant revenue for the NFL while infusing more than \$500 million to the surrounding economy, outpacing money spent in the local economy of any city chosen to host the Super Bowl. This would be beneficial to both the state's businesses and employees.

Although the location of the event would have violated the league's "weather rule" in years past, the NFL's decision to waive the traditional requirement affords New Jersey an unprecedented opportunity to play host to one of American's greatest events. I am confident that the NFL will thoughtfully consider Meadowlands Stadium for Super Bowl XLVIII, as it is most fitting for the championship game to be played on the league's biggest stage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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