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Commissioner Gary Bettman
National Hockey League
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Dear Commissioner Bettman:

We are contacting you today to add our voice to the chorus of voices from individuals and corporations regarding the unacceptable life threatening injuries that are taking place in the NHL.

We fully agree with VIA Rail's comments regarding the incident involving Max Pacioretty and Zdeno Chara at the Bell Centre early this week:

"quick and ineffective ruling on the Pacioretty/Chara incident of last Tuesday is totally unacceptable, as it does nothing to try to reverse the alarming trend of vicious hits that have sidelined some of the game's greatest talents."

Head shots, cheap shots, etc. have absolutely no place in hockey regardless if they are claimed to be unintentional or not. The NHL needs to implement a hard policy towards these types of incidents, so that these incidents will be a thing of the past.

As avid hockey fans for many decades, we respectfully request the NHL implement rules and policies, so the safety of the players is paramount. Nobody wants to see the players end up as an invalides or dead.

We look forward to the NHL making the right decisions in the future to protect the game we all love and cherish.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Lacroix', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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