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Dear Mr. Pioli,

The deaths of Jovan Belcher and Kassandra Perkins are truly tragic. The National Coalition For Men offer our sincere condolences to the families, team members and others associated with Kansas City Chiefs.

Unfortunately, it appears the media and some political factions have exploited this tragedy as a "domestic violence" incident rather than a mental health issue. To be clear, happy and healthy people don't wake up one morning having decided to commit murder/suicide. Men under distress have an especially hard time reaching out.

There are few or no support services for men in Kansas City or elsewhere. Virtually all resources go to programs for women. This lopsided social/political dynamic contributes to deaths like Jovan's and Kassandra's. It is well known that males complete suicide more than four times more frequently than do females. The rate is higher for men in Jovan's situation. Suicide is the 7th leading cause of death for men in the United States. We ask that the Kansas City Chiefs join us in our efforts by officially recognizing the need for support services for men in distress.

Additionally, we would like to offer our assistance in working with the Kansas City Chiefs in developing a program specifically for professional athletes. Please consider that we are a men's rights organization specializing in helping men, their families, and the women who love them; that is, most of us.

No child should lose their parents to murder/suicide. If together we can prevent one more tragedy our efforts will be worth the effort.

Sincerely,

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