

To Whom It May Concern:

In a 1992 resolution entitled "racism," the Central Conference of American Rabbis called upon the Washington Redskins to change its team name "and to renounce all characterizations based on race or ethnic background." That resolution noted that the "Redskins" moniker "persists in encouraging stereotypical thinking about Native Americans."

For over 23 years, the CCAR has never wavered in its insistence that the team's name be changed, and we are far from alone. The intransigence of Redskins ownership is appalling, particularly in light of the tremendous offense that Native American Indians continue to experience as a result of the team's inappropriate, insulting name.

Only because the team's name wasn't changed years ago, today is the day for the National Football League franchise in our nation's capital to change its name.

Very Truly Yours,

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