

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Mr. Sunil Gulati
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RE: FIFA Reform

Dear Mr. Gulati:

We write to you today as members of the Congressional Soccer Caucus and concerned supporters of soccer. While soccer is known as the “beautiful game”, the recent federal indictments relating to corruption at the International Federation of Association of Football (FIFA) have uncovered an ugly underbelly that has shaken international soccer. Unless bold action is taken, such corruption will leave a lasting scar on the sport. Therefore we urge you to take an active role in weeding out the corruption and build a better reputation in the wake of the scandal.

As the story developed we were pleased to learn that you instructed the United States delegate to vote against the longtime incumbent, Sepp Blatter. We stand behind your call for reform, better governance and more integrity at Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) and FIFA. FIFA Governance also clearly lacks enough female representation and with the Women’s World Cup approaching we urge you to address the matter as part of bringing greater transparency and credibility to the international organization. FIFA should see the women’s game as a huge growth potential and support for women’s soccer is a solid investment in FIFA’s future.

We believe the soccer world requires reform and we stand behind a reexamination of the bids for Qatar and Russia World Cups and hope other members of FIFA will too.

We are aware that reform is hard but in the end we believe it is best for the soccer world.

Sincerely,

 Kathy Castor Member of Congress	 Sheila Jackson Lee Member of Congress	 Dave Reichert Member of Congress	 Chris Van Hollen Member of Congress
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