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JIMMY PATRONIS
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December 5, 2023

Mr. Boo Corrigan
Selection Committee Chairman

College Football Playoff
545 East John Carpenter Freeway
Suite 1025
Irving, Texas 75062

Dear Chairman Corrigan:

On December 3, 2023, the College Football Playoff (CFP) Selection Committee made a historic and unprecedented decision to leave the undefeated Power 5 ACC Football Champion Florida State Seminoles out of the College Football Playoff. This decision will no doubt have lasting impacts on college football and the sports world for generations to come. This decision has forever altered a program's ability to recruit, the economic output of the university and surrounding community, and most importantly, the future of these players and coaches.

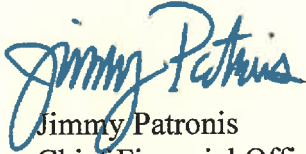
This FSU Football team followed every rule they needed to; they won every game, they overcame adversity and injury, and now are looking at a situation where they can't compete on the field for a championship. It is unjust, and we have not been given a fair explanation. These decisions not only affect the players' and coaches' opportunities to compete at the highest levels, but you have also compromised millions of dollars in economic output to Florida State University and NIL value to football players themselves.

I firmly believe that transparency is the best disinfectant and decisions this big cannot be made behind closed doors. I'm offering you and every CFP Committee member an opportunity to come forward with full details on how each vote was cast for the entire 2023 college football season and document the reasoning behind each vote. This is the only way to shine light on the process behind this historic decision and work to ensure any trust in this committee in the future.

If your organization and its participants truly believe they made the right decision, then you can still appreciate that people are hurt and outraged over this decision. So much so that Governor Ron DeSantis has proposed \$1 million in litigation funding to fight on behalf of FSU and its fans – and as Florida's Chief Financial Officer, I would have no problem cutting those checks.

The future of college football is at stake, and the eyes of the sports world and the college football community are watching. I look forward to your prompt reply to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Patronis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jimmy" and last name "Patronis" clearly legible.

Jimmy Patronis
Chief Financial Officer