



Jay Monahan
Commissioner

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Dear [REDACTED]

First and foremost, may I express sincere gratitude to you and your staff for the support you have shown the PGA TOUR. To that end, I would like to provide you with some background on the recently announced joint venture between the PGA TOUR, DP World Tour, and the Saudi Public Investment Fund (PIF).

After a divisive battle spanning two years including extensive litigation that divided our great sport, we have decided on an arrangement that will end the divisiveness and grow the sport of golf, while preserving the PGA TOUR as the primary organizing entity for men's professional tournament golf. Let me be clear that despite numerous reports, this arrangement is not a merger between the PGA TOUR, LIV Golf, and the PIF.

While the TOUR will remain in place as it is today continuing its significant charitable impact across the United States, it will form a separate joint venture with the PIF and the DP World Tour and combine the commercial interests and rights of all three partners. This will allow the PGA TOUR to retain administrative oversight of golf tournaments, including the administration of the competition and rules governing professional tournament golf, with myself as PGA TOUR Commissioner and Ed Herlihy continuing as Chairman of our Policy Board.

I will serve as the CEO of the new commercial entity which is a subsidiary of the PGA TOUR, with the PIF Governor serving as the Chairman. The PGA TOUR will at all times hold the majority of the Board seats and be in control of this new entity, regardless of the size of PIF's investment. The PIF will be a minority investor in the new commercial entity, while the PGA TOUR will be the majority equity investor. At its core, the PIF is investing in the PGA TOUR as it has invested in other U.S.-based companies. The PGA TOUR and its tournaments will continue to operate as they do today, generating significant charitable and economic impact in the communities where they are played.

Over the past two years, the PGA TOUR has fought an intense and highly publicized battle as the Saudi Arabian PIF-backed LIV golf league attempted to "buy" PGA TOUR players and take over the game of golf in the United States and beyond, creating a fractured golf ecosystem and fomenting a heated divisiveness into the game. We believe that we did everything we could possibly do to defend what we stand for, including spending tens of millions of dollars to defend ourselves from litigation instigated by LIV Golf – significant funds diverted away from our core mission to benefit our players and generate charity. As part of the litigation, we were successful in securing a court ruling that the PIF was not protected under sovereign immunity with respect to

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litigation discovery and potentially liability, something which had never been done before in the United States.

During this intense battle, we met with several Members of Congress and policy experts to discuss the PIF's attempt to take over the game of golf in the United States, and suggested ways that Congress could support us in these efforts. While we are grateful for the written declarations of support we received from certain members, we were largely left on our own to fend off the attacks, ostensibly due to the United States' complex geopolitical alliance with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This left the very real prospect of another decade of expensive and distracting litigation and the PGA TOUR's long-term existence under threat.

The difficult negotiations we have undertaken with the Saudis and the agreement in principle we have reached will accomplish important goals that protect the game and the important work of the PGA TOUR in the United States. Rather than a foreign funded entity taking over an American sport, the end result is that the PIF has agreed to work within the existing golf ecosystem as a minority investor with the PGA TOUR in full control. The PGA TOUR is, and will remain, an American institution dedicated to its players and generating charity in the communities where we play.

I would be very pleased to discuss any outstanding questions or concerns you may still have, and please feel free to reach out to me or my Executive Assistant [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



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