



Change the Mascot!

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Change the Mascot Responds to R*dskins Statement on Today's Trademark Ruling

Following the landmark ruling in district court today to cancel the trademark of Washington's NFL team, team President Bruce Allen posted the following statement on the team's website:

"I am surprised by the judge's decision to prevent us from presenting our evidence in an open trial. We look forward to winning on appeal after a fair and impartial review of the case. **We are convinced that we will win because the facts and the law are on the side of our franchise that has proudly used the name Redskins for more than 80 years.**"

Ray Halbritter, Oneida Indian Nation Representative and leader of the Change the Mascot campaign, released the following statement in response:

"If something happening decades ago was reason alone to continue doing it, then America would still have Jim Crow laws and Confederate flags would still be flying on top of state capitol buildings. Bruce Allen's comments perfectly illustrate why the NFL has a crisis on its hands: at a time when America is demanding an end to outdated symbols of bigotry, one of the league's teams insists on continuing to promote, market and profit off an offensive and racist symbol. The NFL must take action against an owner and his team, which have clearly lost control of themselves to the point where they are going to court to try to continue slurring people of color."

Change the Mascot issued a detailed response to the landmark ruling earlier today. That statement can be found at: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2015/07/prweb12837071.htm>.