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On September 16, the first of a three-part series was published about the challenge some former players have in their lives after football. The NFLPA answered every question that was asked and took unusual measures to provide ample information prior to the piece being posted. Given the line of questioning and discussions, we suspected that the writer of this series approached the story with a preconceived viewpoint and predetermined conclusion about the NFLPA's role in supporting its former players. Yet despite this suspicion and our concerns based on previous erroneous reporting with this particular outlet, we chose to spend time and effort to cooperate fully with the facts.

That decision turned out to be both a mistake and a gift. It was a mistake because we believed that there was a small chance after reviewing the information we provided, the writer would approach this series with a fair and objective look at the NFLPA's role. This piece is a gift, because we now have the opportunity to respond, and correct the record on almost every piece of erroneous information and unfounded slanderous attack that is in the public domain about our union. Our union works tirelessly to help its former players and we are not going to let a "report" like this tarnish the advancements and progress on this crucial issue.

We know that there are former players out there who are hurting because we talk to them every day and work to find ways to help them – even the ones that find it necessary to publicly spite us.

It is disappointing that an up-and-coming media outlet would take the time to focus on such an important issue but do itself and the issue a disservice by falling short of some basic journalistic standards. So that we are clear and precise about what those mistakes and falsehoods are, we dissected the series in full here: <https://www.nflpa.com/former-players/blog/nflpa-responds-to-error-filled-vice-sports-series>

Our union will continue its work and we can only hope that the media outlet that published this series will do better in the future if it wants to be taken seriously.

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