

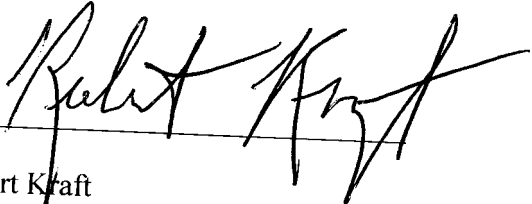
Declaration of Robert Kraft

I, Robert Kraft, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, as follows:

1. I am the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of New England Patriots, LP, and the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kraft Group, LLC. I have owned the New England Patriots for more than twenty years.
2. The Patriots drafted Tom Brady with the 199th pick in the 2000 NFL Draft. Since that time, Tom has been a valued, trusted member of our organization. I consider him to be a person of the highest character. He is a leader within our organization, and he is someone with whom I have a close, trusting relationship. Our mutual respect enables us to address openly and honestly all issues that affect the Patriots. Just as I do, Tom wants what is best for the organization, and he would never do anything to compromise our integrity or that of the NFL.
3. In the fifteen years that we have been together, Tom and I have had many difficult discussions, including recent conversations about alleged ball deflation. Tom and I have spoken directly about the allegations that he was involved in, or at least “generally aware of,” Patriots employees deflating footballs. I told Tom that if he did anything wrong, he should admit it, and we could deal with it and move on. In unequivocal terms, he assured me that he did not deflate any footballs below the level permitted by NFL rules; he did not instruct anyone to deflate any footballs below the level permitted by NFL rules; he does not know about anyone deflating footballs below the level permitted by NFL rules, nor does he know about anyone otherwise breaking any NFL rules regarding footballs. I fully believe him, and I am not aware of any evidence that leads me to a different conclusion.

4. Since he joined the Patriots, I have never known Tom to lie. I remain confident that he has not engaged in any wrongdoing related to playing balls from the AFC Championship Game, or any other game, for that matter. Tom Brady is an honest and trustworthy man.
5. Furthermore, though the New England Patriots reluctantly decided not to appeal the penalties imposed on our organization, we did so for the good of the League. My decision about what was best for our franchise in no way detracts from my continued belief that Tom has done no wrong. The Patriots and I stand behind Tom firmly and hope that the Commissioner, as the Hearing Officer of Tom's appeal, will set aside the punishment that has been imposed upon Tom.

Executed on this 19th day of June, 2015 in Jerusalem, Israel.


Robert Kraft