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**Statement of City of Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on
Actions of National Football League**

The video recently released showing former Baltimore Ravens player Ray Rice viciously striking his then-fiancé inside an elevator is a scene that is sadly familiar to women across the country. An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault each year by an intimate partner.

Although the NFL should be commended for its tough new standards address domestic violence by its players, we urge Commissioner Goodell as well as team owners and players to use their substantial influence to change a culture within their own ranks and help to break the cycle of domestic violence in homes across America.

Milwaukee offers quality and confidential resources for adults and youth affected by domestic violence. Victims, family members, batterers and the community at large can get help identifying support by calling the 24-hour domestic violence hotline at (414) 933-2722.

A listing of resources is also available through the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's "You Are Not Alone" brochure, which is available in English, Spanish and Hmong. The brochure and other support information are available [here](#), and at www.milwaukee.gov/staysafe.

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