



## Cuyahoga County

May 19, 2025

David Jenkins  
Haslam Sports Group  
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Dave,

Throughout this process, the County has remained focused on two clear goals:

- (1) Protect the interests of Cuyahoga County taxpayers, and
- (2) Keep the Cleveland Browns in downtown Cleveland, where they have long served as an anchor for economic, cultural, and civic life.

As you stated in your May 15, 2025 letter, the proposed Brook Park project requires no financial support from Cuyahoga County. We appreciate that clarity and will hold you to it.

This declaration reveals Haslam Sports Group's greed and opportunism throughout this process. The \$600 million in bonds requested from Cuyahoga County was never needed for this project and we now clearly see that you have spent the last two years attempting to bully the public and fleece County taxpayers for HSG's private gain.

Our second goal to keep the team downtown remains an open question that hangs in the balance with the State of Ohio and Jimmy and Dee Haslam. This decision will have lasting consequences for Northeast Ohio, its businesses, taxpayers, and the fans who have supported this team for generations.

Your letter distorts the facts, misleads the public, and omits critical information. The truth is simple: you're pushing a costly, risky, and poorly conceived plan that uses public subsidy to diminish our region, our communities, and our businesses.

I believe that the future in Cuyahoga County and Northeast Ohio is incredibly bright. We have taken significant steps towards progress, growth, and development and we have all the assets needed to continue on that path. But the only thing that can hold us back is shortsighted leadership that seeks to divide rather than unite, that relies on intimidation rather than partnership, and that places self-interest and greed over community good.

As Cuyahoga County Executive, it is my responsibility to protect the interests of Cuyahoga County taxpayers. I do not support this Browns boondoggle. I remain committed to working each day to build a more vibrant and successful future for Cuyahoga County on behalf of our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne".

**Chris Ronayne**  
Cuyahoga County Executive