

PE1319/EEEE

Petitioners submission of 29 June 2020

We write to thank you and the all the members of the Public Petitions Committee, past and present for the work, time and dedication given to our Petition.

The publication of the Final Report on 22nd June 2020 was a major milestone in our journey. We were delighted with the contents and the language which sends a clear and strong message to the Scottish FA and Scottish Professional Football League.

It is of course with some regret, that after 10 years the governing bodies are still entrenched in their archaic beliefs and approach to young players' best interests. It is also noteworthy that given their intransigence on these relatively basic rights, the SFA and SPFL have in essence ensured that many, many hours of valuable Committee time has been consumed over the last decade, not to mention the time of a number of MSP's. There has no doubt been a significant cost to the tax payer over the life of the Petition. It is also not lost on us the time and effort, we as Petitioners have committed to the campaign. We have written hundreds of letters and hundreds to emails, attended many meetings, given both radio, TV and media interviews and of course attended the Scottish Parliament at every hearing of PE1319. We have all sacrificed time away from family, friends and the work place to do all of the aforementioned.

It was therefore, exceedingly pleasing to read the Committee's report and the recommendations contained therein. What we sincerely hope for now is that the no nonsense approach taken by the Committee in the report is well received at Hampden and changes made to the rules governing the registration/contractual agreements for our young players.

Their 'time is up' and there can be no room for stalling and procrastination.

Thank you all once again for your concentrated effort on this subject and for producing a thorough, comprehensive and hard-hitting damning report.