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A Letter A Week  
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Dear Scott,

Thank you for writing the Boston Red Sox. First, let me apologize for our delay in response - the start of the season has brought many forms of correspondence, but we enjoy hearing your thoughts and share your concerns about preserving the integrity of our great game.

In response to your specific suggestions, we greatly appreciate all of your ideas and the lifelong commitment to baseball that you have shown. Recent revelations about sundry users in the game have certainly been difficult to fathom, and I do not begrudge you any of your frustrations. At the same time, I would like to think that Major League Baseball, in collaboration with the Major League Baseball Player's Association, has been working hard to address this troubling phenomenon by introducing innovative and preventative measures. To cite one example, we produced a "Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program" in the spring of 2006 that mandated a "three strikes and you're out" approach for those who repeatedly fail drug tests. Even first time violators of our steroid policy face a fifty game suspension without pay, giving Major League Baseball one of the most stringent and accountable drug policies in all of sports.

Still we are always looking for ways to improve our game and retain loyal fans like yourself, and I hope that you will stay with us. If you would like to expound on this conversation or discuss anything else, please do not hesitate to do so. I can be reached at 617-226-6236, Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 5 PM. You can also email me at [drea@redsox.com](mailto:drea@redsox.com) if you would prefer.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Rea', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Rea  
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