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**Statement from MLBPA Executive Director Michael Weiner
Regarding MLB's Announcement to Implement Blood Tests in the Minors**

New York, NY, Thursday, July 22, 2010 ... Major League Baseball Players Association Executive Director Michael Weiner today issued the following statement in reaction to the announcement by Major League Baseball that Minor League players will be subject to blood testing for hGH.

"The union's position on HGH testing remains unchanged; when a test is available that is scientifically validated and that can be administered safely and without interfering with the players' ability to compete, it will be considered. We have been engaged with the Commissioner's Office on this subject for several months, though they have not shared with us the specifics behind their decision to begin blood testing of minor leaguers. We look forward to further discussions with the Commissioner's Office on this important topic."

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