Introduction
Matthew’s second letter to the owner of the Montreal Impact, Joey Saputo, discusses the manner in which he expects Saputo to rebuild his team after a devastating 2014 MLS season in which they finished dead last of the league with a record of 6 wins, 18 losses and 10 ties. There was speculation at the time that Joey Saputo was travelling to Italy to purchase an Italian soccer team instead of helping his local team find a new coach and new players. This letter was also written soon after Marco Di Vaio, a soccer legend and star forward for the Impact, called it quits and retired, fueling despair and panic for the Montreal fans. The letter was recovered from Saputo’s laptop hard drive in the wake of the 2036 Olympic scandal, although the first letter (v.52) was never found. Some scholars believe it was hand-written. Others are way too preoccupied with the second letter’s resemblance to those of the apostle Paul, claiming that Matthew at some points copies Paul almost word for word (vs. 18, 20, 58-60, 67). Some have said his ability to write a pseudonymous letter in the style of Paul is outstanding and deserves an A+. This letter was written in 2014.

The Second Letter of Matthew
To the Owner of the Montreal Impact,

J O E Y   S A P U T O

Matthew Rainone, a fervent follower and fan of soccer, to the owner of the Montreal Impact soccer club, Joey Saputo; goals to you, and victories.

I give thanks constantly to the many soccer fans for you, including you in all my appreciation for the sport that has become so popular in this city, remembering before the supporters all your hard labor in faith and love, recalling your dedication to bring MLS soccer to the great city of Montreal. For I know, Mr. Saputo, of your passion for the sport and for this city, never satisfied in the sub-par USL soccer division, continually striving for excellence and pushing forward to bring top-division MLS soccer to Montreal and a brand new soccer
stadium—\textsuperscript{6} all this for the benefit of the club, the staff, the players and the fans. \textsuperscript{7} For in your passion and dedication, you became imitators of the fans, \textsuperscript{8} and therefore you have joined them as one, for they too share the same passion for soccer as you do, \textsuperscript{9} and I rejoice with them in your leadership and example.

\textsuperscript{10} I write to you, my fellow fan, in shock and astonishment in the wake of the end of the 2014 MLS season in which we finished last—10th in the east, and indeed 19th in the league. \textsuperscript{11} For I watched throughout the season as we lost at home and away, and I witnessed the sadness in the players, \textsuperscript{12} but indeed I write to you now Mr. Saputo because I suffered most of all. \textsuperscript{13} For this reason perhaps you will not take this letter lightly, for how could I not have suffered? \textsuperscript{14} Being born into a house of sport and competition, a native of Montreal, \textsuperscript{15} son to an Italian mother and father, immigrants of the 1960s, \textsuperscript{16} finding a connection to my Italian roots through my love for soccer, I have indeed suffered most of all fans, \textsuperscript{17} but I am no sadder than them all and this sadness is not only felt myself but by the entire city—\textsuperscript{18} for all have suffered in witnessing the Impact fall short of the glory of the MLS playoffs. \textsuperscript{19} But we the fans, including myself as an equal fan to them all, must prevail and hope for the future as you try to improve our club. \textsuperscript{20} For I am convinced that the sufferings of this present off-season are not worth comparing to the glory that awaits us for next season if indeed you make a few changes in the months to come.

\textsuperscript{21} I appeal to you, Mr. Saputo, in all love for the Montreal Impact soccer club, to make the right changes for the season that will begin next April, \textsuperscript{22} in particular, certain changes to the staff, for I have heard rumors spreading across the city and to the outer regions, from St-Bruno to Vaudreuil, \textsuperscript{23} rumors that the current head coach of our beloved soccer team, Frank Klopas,
will soon be fired. 24I must tell you, Mr. Saputo, that you should not be so quick to fire our coach, 25for although we had a very disappointing season under his guidance, some continuity in the Impact staff would greatly be appreciated by the players. 26For you know, dear owner, that in the three seasons the Impact have competed in the MLS there have been three different coaches, 27one for every season, two of which ended without a playoff game to play. 28For this reason, I, a faithful fan of the club even in its darkest hour, admonish you, dear Mr. Saputo, to spend the off season in constant search of a new coach who will stay longer than just one year, 29who will bring the players in unity and love and lead the club to greatness. 30If such a coach cannot be found, then I ask you to keep Mr. Klopas for another season and give him time to succeed. 31This is indeed the best way to approach the coaching position at the Montreal Impact, 32the club that you care so much about, that you have invested in and wish to see succeed in the years to come. 33Know, then, that all the fans are counting on you Mr. Saputo to pick a great coach for next season, 34and if you care for your fans, will you not find us a suitable coach?

35Therefore, being rich in love and support for our beloved soccer club, I urge you Mr. Saputo not to continue in your business endeavors overseas until you have resolved all issues with our Montreal club. 36For I have heard many stories from the television people at CBC that you have travelled all the way to your parent country Italy to expand your wealth in taking over a soccer team in the Italian division. 37I am astonished, Mr. Saputo, that you are so quick to think of yourself and your business plans so soon after the end of a disappointing season 38and days after our star forward Marco Di Vaio retired, leaving a great gap in our attack. 39Do you not know, dear sir, that the Montreal Impact scored only 38 goals in 34 games last season? 40Or
that we lost three times as many games than we won leading to a meager total of 28 points for the season? Do not these numbers disturb you, Mr. Saputo, or have you forgotten the history of the club you own: formed in 1992 plying their first season in 1993 finishing last but not without glory setting a club-record seven-game winning streak, clinching a playoff position the following season, winning the season title in 1995 losing only seven times, going on to win the title in each of the following two seasons, enduring suffering and disappointment from the year 2000 on until 2004 when the league title was again won by your current colleague Nick De Santis. Do you not consider this to be a worthy history of any sporting club, and one to remember and greatly influence our present team? Have you forgotten, Mr. Saputo, the words that appear on the Montreal Impact crest,

“Tout pour gagner.”

For these words remain in my heart and the hearts and souls of the many fans of this city, enjoyers of the game, and fellow fans with you. But the performance of the team has not lived up to these noble words, for I am convinced that our team is good enough to have won more than only six games out of 34.

I appeal to you then, Saputo, as I have in my previous letter in the days of Jesse Marsch and the sufferings of those times, to begin action immediately in order to rebuild this team and have the roster live up to those of past Impact championship teams. For we the fans know all too well the pain endured and patience required during losing campaigns, and my message is not mine own but the same handed down to me by other fans of old. For have we not suffered these last ten years with you in the desire to play in the MLS? And yet our hope never relinquished and our glory only increased, for we did not hope for anything that we
could see, but we waited for it with eager longing, for we were convinced that neither stadium size nor grass quality, nor the MLS president nor the board of directors, nor past disappointments nor fan oppression from our rivals in Toronto, nor anything else in the world of soccer could separate us from the glory of entering the MLS that was to come.

Therefore Joey Saputo, return to your home in the city that you love and work hard for the success that awaits all those owners who inspire their teams to future glories, and I pray that in your work you will find a good coach, and a great forward who can score goals, and more amazing players who believe in this club and give their all, being full of passion to win as the many past Impact teams have. For it is evident to me that if indeed you work hard in bringing in the right coach and the right players, and your passion for the Impact is clearly shown to the players and staff, then they will in turn be inspired and will play better and win trophies for many years to come. Therefore hope, work, and rejoice; but the most important of these is work.

Greet Nick De Santis for me with a kiss, or at the very least a hug, for I remember him from the USL days and my wife often asks when we will have him and his wife over again for dinner, but please disclose nothing of these dinner plans to him, for he and I do not really get along. I hope to see you in person during spring training, eager to see the many improvements you will have made for our beloved soccer club, but until then do not reply, leave me in silent contemplation of the season to come.

Determination and strength be with you this winter, and passion for the love of the greatest sport the world has ever known. Amen.