

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Charlie Baker
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Dear President Baker,

We are pleased to write this letter to support the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) hosting future championship events in Birmingham, Alabama. We give our highest recommendation for the following events to be held in Birmingham: the Men's March Madness 1st and 2nd Rounds, the Women's March Madness Regional Tournament, and the Women's Gymnastics National Championship.

The leadership of the Birmingham community in partnership with the Southeastern Conference (SEC), headquartered in Birmingham, makes the Magic City an ideal host for NCAA Championship events. The State of Alabama has a long legacy of supporting intercollegiate athletics, and the recent success of both March Madness in 2023 and the 2022 World Games further highlights the passion of Alabamians for athletic competitions and the comprehensive synergies that ensure athletic events are conducted safely and successfully. Our great State, the City of Birmingham, and the surrounding communities make the perfect host for these high-level events.

The recent \$125 million renovation of Legacy Arena and the adjacent City Walk area have cemented Birmingham as an elite venue for championship events, as proven by the record crowds in attendance during the 1st and 2nd Rounds of the 2023 Men's March Madness Tournament. Birmingham also hosted the 2022 World Games, organized with the support of the International Olympic Committee, which showcased 3,600 athletes from over 100 countries competing in more than 30 sports.

We are confident in the collaboration between the City of Birmingham, the SEC, and all local stakeholders necessary to host these events and to ensure the athletes and visiting fans have the best experience possible. Please give their applications every consideration and, if we can provide any additional insight, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Tommy Tuberville
United States Senator



Katie Boyd Britt
United States Senator