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Ms. Kirsty Coventry, IOC President
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Dear Ms. Coventry:

As members of the New York State Senate Minority Conference and representatives to districts that encompass several Native tribes such as the Seneca and Tuscarora Nations, we write to you in full support of the Haudenosaunee Lacrosse team's request for inclusion in the 2028 Olympic Games. As lacrosse comes back to the Olympics for the first time in more than 100-years, it would only be appropriate to include a team representing the nation that created the game.

New York State is home to much of the traditional and current territory of the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy – Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora. We are aware that other New York State leaders, including members of the Subcommittee on State-Native Relations, have also voiced their support. We wholeheartedly join them in advancing efforts to strengthen the relationship between the State and its First Nations.

Despite having a significantly smaller population than other national teams, the Haudenosaunee produce extraordinarily talented players and have competed successfully on the global stage. We believe there would be great benefit to a worldwide audience from watching the Haudenosaunee lacrosse team compete at the Olympics. They are electrifying players who bring joy and purposefulness to the game, and their story is one that is likely to capture the hearts of many Olympic viewers.

We urge you to favorably consider allowing the Haudenosaunee nation to compete and be properly represented in the 2028 Olympic Games. Such inclusion would represent a historic and meaningful step forward in honoring Indigenous contributions to sport and culture on the world stage.

Respectfully,

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Robert G. Ortt
Senate Minority Leader
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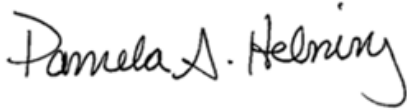
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