

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

August 28, 2020

Mr. David Dorn
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Special Olympics Minnesota
900 2nd Ave. S, Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dear Mr. Dorn:

As Members of Congress from Minnesota, it is an honor to express our strong support for the Special Olympics Minnesota bid to host the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games.

Hosting the 2026 USA Games in Minnesota would continue our state's legacy of community building and would allow us to share this value with the rest of the country. Special Olympics Minnesota, in partnership with Meet Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota, is uniquely suited to host the 2026 USA Games. Minnesota is home to over 8,000 Special Olympic athletes, 4,500 volunteers, 2,600 coaches, and 100 proud Unified Schools. Together, we make a strong community that inspires and motivates each other to reach our goals.

As Minnesotans and Representatives in Congress, we are committed to promoting inclusion and diversity in our state and across the nation. Minnesota is a leader in innovation and home to 16 Fortune 500 companies, and the State has previously hosted the 2018 Super Bowl and the 2019 NCAA Final Four. Adding the Special Olympics USA Games to this list would be an honor.

Special Olympics Minnesota is a treasure in our community. We congratulate you on the work you have done to transform people's lives through building relationships and playing sports. Minnesota is committed to inclusion and respect for people of all abilities, and the Games would leave a lasting impact on our community.

We are proud to support the Special Olympics Minnesota bid to host the 2026 USA Games.

Sincerely,



Dean Phillips
Member of Congress



Pete Stauber
Member of Congress



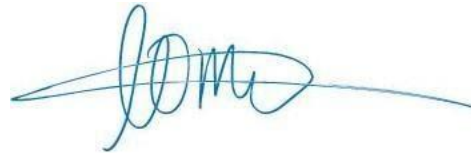
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