

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 9, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC, 20500

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE  
Washington, DC, 20528

The Honorable Russell Vought  
Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
1650 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC, 20503

Dear President Trump, Secretary Noem, and Director Vought,

We are writing to call your attention to critical security needs associated with the FIFA World Cup 2026. In particular, state and local security and emergency services — including local law enforcement, and first responders — need additional federal support to effectively address the risk associated with hosting the World Cup. Existing state and local fiscal contributions have helped establish a strong framework for host cities, but the addition of federal funds would further complement the strength of security programs and capabilities of host cities to ensure the safety of these events.

As you are aware, President Donald Trump, you recently established the White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026, outlining the importance and national impact of the 2026 games. We look forward to continuing to work with your administration to ensure communities across the country are fully prepared for 2026 and beyond. It is imperative that we invest adequately in the framework and resources that will allow us to maximize the great lasting benefits of hosting this global event.

Due to its scale and geographic scope, the security risks associated with hosting the World Cup are unprecedented. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has designated the 78 U.S.-based matches as Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) I and II events. Intelligence from the U.S. National Counterterrorism Center confirms an increase in threats targeting stadiums and public events. The World Cup is projected to generate billions of views worldwide, including an estimated 3–5 billion views for the final match, making it a uniquely attractive target for malicious actors.

To help ensure the safety and security of spectators, teams, and communities across the country during the tournament, additional resources are needed for a wide range of state and local security services. This includes but is not limited to, increased training, readiness exercises, cybersecurity defenses, expanded emergency

response and policing services, as well as heightened screening at major transportation hubs among other security needs.

The estimated cost of the additional security needs across the 11 World Cup host cities is \$625 million. It is our understanding that the host city committees have been working closely with DHS to identify the scope of security risks and determine an efficient and effective way to execute federal resources to address these security needs. We understand that there may be an appropriate funding avenue under DHS, through state and local grant opportunities that may still be eligible to provide some support towards the \$625 million still required to secure these games. Given the lead time required for security activities in advance of the World Cup, it is imperative that congressional funding is provided this calendar year.

The World Cup is expected to generate more than \$18 billion in economic impact throughout the United States. Ensuring a secure World Cup 2026 will further demonstrate American leadership to the world. It will also show Congress's commitment to national security and help prepare for future events, including the 2028 Summer Olympics.

Given the evolving threat landscape, especially in light of recent terrorist attacks and their potential implications, we believe time is of the essence. We appreciate your leadership on national security issues, and we look forward to working with you to shore up these critical security needs ahead of any World Cup matches.

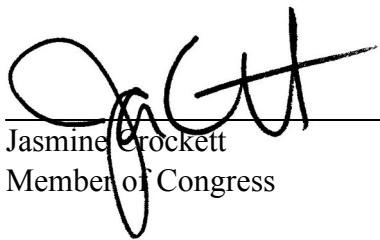
Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids  
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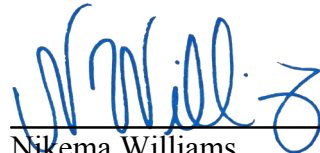
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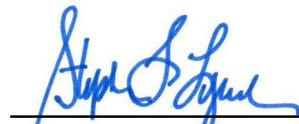
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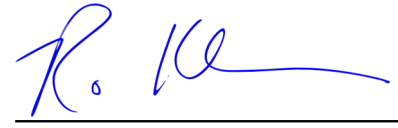
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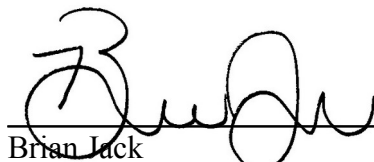
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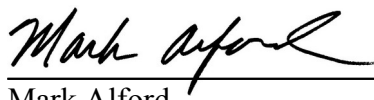
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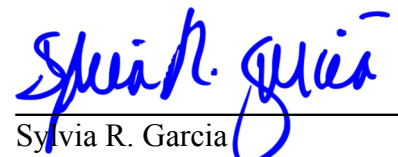
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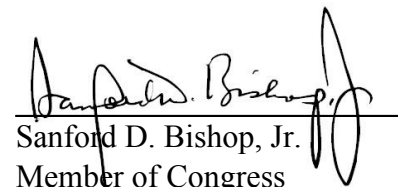
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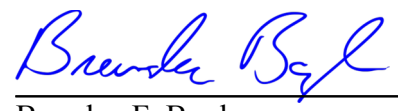
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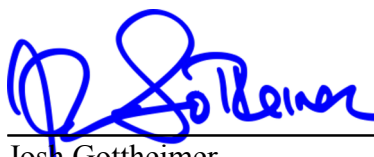
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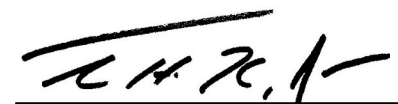
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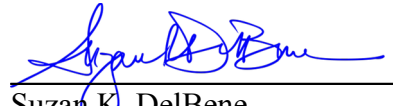
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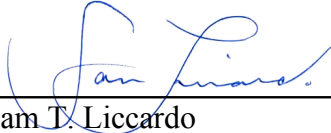
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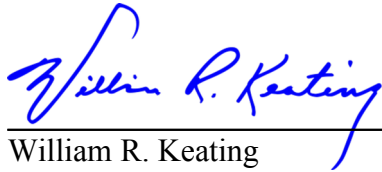
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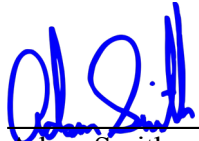
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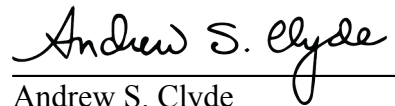
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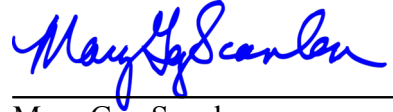
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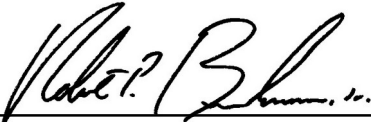
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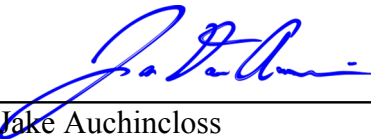
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Derek Schmidt

Member of Congress