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Dear Ms. Cook and Mr. Smith:

I am the Executive Director of the Metro Human Relations Commission (MHRC). I am writing on behalf of the MHRC in support of Nashville's bid to host the 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup.

The Metro Human Relations Commission comprises seventeen diverse community members appointed by the Mayor of Nashville and confirmed by city council. Our mission is to protect and promote the personal dignity, peace, safety, security, health, and general welfare of all people in Nashville and Davidson County. We engage in conflict management, educational programming, and events to encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion. We also provide evidence-based policy recommendations for elected leaders and decision-makers.

Over the last several months, I have been engaged in nearly all aspects of the Human Rights Stakeholder Engagement process in Nashville. I assisted in inviting relevant stakeholders and I served on every subcommittee. The process included a wide range of local experts, government leaders, service providers, and advocates. I believe the engagement was robust and honest and am confident that there will be shared commitments to promote human rights in Nashville if we are selected to host the games in 2026. MHRC also sees this Human Rights Stakeholder Engagement as a springboard for addressing pressing human rights concerns here whether our city is selected or not.

I appreciate the opportunity to have been part of the process and look forward to staying involved when Nashville is selected. Given the mission of the MHRC, our trusted voice in civil and human rights in Nashville, and our deep community connections, our agency is an ideal partner to ensure that the games result in the advancement of human rights. We look forward to seeing you here in Music City.

Sincerely,

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