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John Fish  
Chairman, Boston Olympic Committee  
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**Re: Fall River and SouthCoast representation at 2024 Olympics**

Dear Mr. Fish:

I'm writing to offer my support of your and the Boston Olympic Committee's efforts to bring the 2024 Olympics to Boston and respectfully request that you consider Fall River and the SouthCoast region as viable locations for Olympic facility construction, sporting activities, and transportation and real estate development opportunities.

The Olympic Games are symbolized by their unique flagship cities, but the responsibility of accommodations, transportation, and hosting events lies not only within the primary city but also with the multiple regions surrounding Boston. Fall River and the SouthCoast region has the existing infrastructure to accommodate large-scale development and boasts many natural resources and amenities that would be crucial to supporting the sprawling Olympic Games, which surely could not be confined within the city limits of densely populated and thickly settled Boston.

Located only 50 miles south from Boston, Fall River and the SouthCoast is composed of communities that have an appreciable amount of developable land, great ponds, rivers, and ocean fronts that are conducive to both non-water athletic events such as

cycling, shooting, triathlon, and soccer and to water-related sports such as rowing, canoeing, and sailing. This area has a labor-intensive workforce and already is home to a diverse and cosmopolitan population, a demographic attractive to hosting an event with such global focus. In addition, bringing the Olympic Games to Fall River and the SouthCoast would be an economic development catalyst for job creation and continued improvements to infrastructure and transportation, which are highlighted by major projects such as SouthCoast Rail.

Support for bringing the 2024 Olympics to Boston will only be strengthened through the concerted support of those outside metro Boston who understand that this type of initiative will benefit the entire state. As such, in order to accomplish this ambitious endeavor, I believe the SouthCoast, as well as other areas of the state, should have appropriate representation on the Boston Olympic Committee, and I respectfully request that you consider adding a representative from this region to enhance statewide support.

Please contact me with your comments and thoughts on these suggestions and views. For your convenience, you may call me on my cell phone at 508-641-0297. I thank you for your consideration of this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Carole Fiola

cc: Mayor William Flanagan