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DEAR SIR/MADAM

As Governors of the Counties of Dalarna, Stockholm and Jämtland, we are happy to express our strong support for the BID of Winter Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Sweden 2026.

We are aware of the global interest these Winter Games stands for. Being a strong winter sport nation, Sweden has a long tradition of participating in international championships with great success.

So far, Sweden has never arranged Winter Olympic Games, even though we as a nation has a strong experience of hosting many World Championships as well as the very first Winter Paralympic Games back in 1976. We also remember the Olympic Summer Games in 1912 with great pleasure in our hearts and notice that the Stockholm Stadium is the oldest Olympic Stadium in the world that are still in use.

We therefore see that the next step, hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2026, would be a natural step for Sweden in this context.

The new Agenda 2020 for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, with stronger focus on legacy and sustainable arrangements, also speaks in favour of Sweden in 2026.

The whole concept for the Games will include already existing arenas and use already planned investments as a go ahead for the Games. This means that these Games will be cost-efficient and that it will benefit from the hospitality from the whole of Sweden.

Being Governors for the three Swedish Counties that will be involved in hosting the Games, we are very proud of the bid and approach given by the Swedish Olympic Committee and the Swedish Paralympic Committee.

Choosing Sweden for hosting the Winter Olympic and the Paralympic Winter Games in 2026 will sure be a winning concept for all of us.



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