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Dr. Thomas Bach
President, International Olympic Committee
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Dear President Bach,

In these extraordinary times the world of sport, like so much of society, is facing unprecedented challenges due to the on-going global health crisis. It is during these times that we are reminded that the Olympic Movement plays an even more important role – offering hope and inspiration to all of us.

The USOPC, along with the entire Olympic Movement, is adapting to change, but we remain committed to continuing a dialogue with the IOC to explore the possibility of hosting a future Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. The time will have to be right for all stakeholders, and we remain first and foremost committed to the success of the LA Games in 2028 – working collaboratively on elements that will engage the world in new and exciting ways, but we also understand the power of Utah’s legacy and the ongoing benefits and successful programs they continue to provide. Salt Lake City’s story stands as a testament to the power of the Games, as a model for legacy in action, and an example of the everlasting possibilities for host regions.

In this regard, it is our honor to present this letter as an expression of our continued commitment to the Olympic Movement and support for Salt Lake City and Utah as a potential host for a future Winter Games.

We feel the evolution of Agenda 2020 and “The New Norm” makes Salt Lake City and the State of Utah an ideal candidate to host. There is an experienced team of planners and administrators who remain active in legacy and international sport delivery. Importantly, with most of the 2002 Games venues still fully utilized, and with many already upgraded or expanded to support robust elite athlete and community programs through public/private partnership, a future Salt Lake City Games will be able to focus more on innovation rather than large capital projects.

We have enjoyed close collaboration with the IOC bid administration team and have realized the benefits under “The New Norm” to discuss opportunities to further innovate and deliver value while minimizing risk for all Games stakeholders. We look forward to continuing this dialogue, and to consider and celebrate future possibilities to serve the Olympic Movement and sport globally.

Sincerely,

Susanne Lyons
Chair

Sarah Hirshland
Chief Executive Officer