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Mark Emmert, President
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Dear Mr. Emmert,

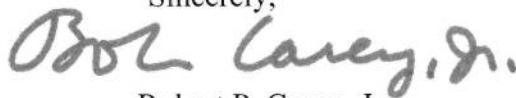
I understand that The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) will relocate all championship tournament games scheduled to take place in North Carolina over the coming academic year due to the state's House Bill 2. As you begin to evaluate potential places to relocate, I strongly urge you to consider the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the site for these tournament games.

Pennsylvania is well positioned to host these championships events and has recently hosted several large events including the Papal Visit, the Democratic National Convention, and the G-20 Summit. Additionally, Pennsylvania boasts a fine athletic tradition and plays host to several annual world-class athletic events including the Dad Vail Regatta, the largest intercollegiate rowing event in the U.S., the Penn Relays, the largest early-season track and field meet in the country, and the Little League Baseball World Series, an annual national baseball tournament broadcasted on ESPN that is held in Williamsport, PA. Throughout the Commonwealth there are many different regions that have facilities and infrastructure to host NCAA Championship events.

Pennsylvania is proud of its diversity across the Commonwealth. We strive to achieve equality for the people who both reside and visit the Commonwealth regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or sexual identification. Finally, Pennsylvania has a lot of passion with a deep rooted tradition in its sports at all levels. Given all of these factors, I believe that Pennsylvania would be an ideal choice for the NCAA's tournament games.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Should you have any questions, or require further information from my office, I encourage you to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator