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Dear Federation of Gay Games,

The United Nations Association of the United States (UNA-USA) confirms our support of Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games.

UNA-USA is a grassroots movement of Americans dedicated to supporting the vital work of the United Nations. With over 20,000 members (60% under the age of 26) and more than 250 chapters across the country, including in Denver, Boulder and at CSU and UC Boulder, UNA-USA members are united in their commitment to global engagement and their belief that each of us can play a part in advancing the UN's mission and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

UNA-USA has a long track record of supporting efforts and causes promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. UNA-USA hosts a Pride Affinity Group for members to advance LGBTQI rights through advocacy and education. Furthermore, we support UN Free & Equal Campaign through our national platforms from in-person and virtual sessions with expert speakers, our social media platform, and even our participation in the D.C. Pride Parade under the Free & Equal banner. Our support of Gay Games XIII is a natural step in further demonstrating our public commitment to these principles.

We believe that the values and purpose of the Gay Games are in line with the United Nations guiding principles of human rights regarding respect for inherent dignity, non-discrimination, full participation and inclusion in society, equal opportunities, accessibility, and gender equality.

During a time in which other localities across the United States are increasingly attacking the rights of LGBTQIA2+ individuals, Colorado has enacted safe-state legislation protecting LGBTQ+ rights as well as gender-affirming healthcare in the state. By hosting the Gay Games, Denver would send a strong message to both the rest of the United States, and the world, that we will continue to celebrate diversity, fight for equality, and provide everyone with the opportunity to come together through culture and sport.

We are excited by the opportunities collaborating with Gay Games XIII in Denver would present for not only UNA-USA, but also the local, state, national, and international LGBTQ+ communities. We look forward to working closely with the Denver Gay Games Bid committee in ensuring Gay Games XIII is a truly inclusive event with a broad global reach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Bowen Pittman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rachel Bowen Pittman
Executive Director, UNA-USA