

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 31, 2024

To: Federation of Gay Games Board of Directors

I write to support the application put forward by the Gay Games XIII 2030 Denver Bid Committee to the International Federation of Gay Games. The Games' mission to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion through sport and culture matches Colorado's commitment to protect the rights of our residents and to be a welcoming destination for travelers from around the world.

Colorado is home to a vibrant LGBTQ+ community, which not only is an essential part of our state, but also an exceptional place where people of all diverse backgrounds and identities can thrive.

Colorado has a longstanding history of excellence in sports, from the competitive spirit of Denver's professional sports teams, to being a home state to Olympians and Paralympians around the nation. Our extensive outdoor recreation activities, eclectic art venues and vast dining options are sure to make an unforgettable experience for all visitors.

Thank you for your consideration of Denver's Bid Committee's application and we look forward to working with you to host the Gay Games in colorful Colorado.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Hickenlooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue highlight effect.

John Hickenlooper

US Senator