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To the General Assembly of the Federation of Gay Games,

The Mile Hi Bullseye Dart League (MHBDL) writes to express its support for Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games. As a thriving darts organization dedicated to fostering inclusivity and fundraising for LGBTQ+ serving nonprofit organizations in our community, we believe Denver possesses the spirit, infrastructure, and vibrant LGBTQ+ culture to make the 2030 Games an unparalleled celebration of athletic excellence, cultural exchange and global unity.

Denver has long been a leader in both cultural and athletic diversity and inclusivity. We have both a strong sports-oriented community and supportive LGBTQ+ and ally community. MHBDL was founded in Denver in 1997 and conducts league play in many of the dozens of LGBTQ+ and LGBTQ+ friendly bars and clubs of Denver.

With 125+ active members MHBDL regularly witnesses the transformative impact of inclusive, safe spaces for individuals to build new bridges while pursuing their passion for sport. Many MHBDL members also participate in additional LGBTQ+ sports such as softball, bowling, volleyball, and rugby, and our organizations have a history of collaboration. This network creates a strong foundation on which to plan for a professionally presented, inclusive gathering of sports and culture.

Denver has the capacity to host the diverse range of sports featured in the gay games and expand to even more sports than have been included in many past Gay Games. In the hub of the city, Denver's state of the art 584,000 square foot Convention Center is within minutes of numerous other facilities such as Metropolitan State University's athletic complex. Numerous hotels are situated within walking distance of these facilities.

We wholeheartedly endorse Denver's bid for the 2030 Gay Games and urge the General Assembly to recognize the city's potential to host a truly unforgettable event. Denver is ready to welcome the world with open arms and celebrate the spirit of the Gay Games on a global stage.

Sincerely,

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MHBDL Commissioner on behalf of:

The Board of Directors and Members of the Mile High Bullseye Dart League