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To the General Assembly of the Federation of Gay Games,

The Colorado Gay Volleyball Association (CGVA) writes to express our support for Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games. As a thriving organization dedicated to fostering inclusivity and athleticism within the LGBTQ+ community through the sport of volleyball, we believe Denver possesses the spirit, infrastructure, and vibrant LGBTQ+ culture to make the 2030 Games an unparalleled celebration of athletic excellence and global unity.

Denver boasts a rich diversity and inclusivity, perfectly mirroring the values of the Gay Games. From its top 5 in the nation PrideFest to its numerous LGBTQ+ bars and community centers, Denver has long embraced and championed the LGBTQ+ community. This welcoming environment would ensure all athletes and participants feel safe, celebrated, and empowered to compete and connect on a global stage.

Beyond its cultural embrace, Denver offers world-class sporting facilities and infrastructure. From the iconic Red Rocks Amphitheatre to the state-of-the-art Convention Center where CGVA hosted the 160 team Championships Tournament for the North American Volleyball Association, Denver has the capacity to host the diverse range of sports featured in the Gay Games. Additionally, the city's extensive public transportation network and commitment to sustainability would provide a seamless and environmentally conscious experience for all visitors.

CGVA, with over 340 active members, represents one part of the vibrant LGBTQ+ athletic community Denver fosters. We have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of sports in building bridges, fostering camaraderie, and empowering individuals. Hosting the Gay Games in Denver would amplify this impact on a global scale, inspiring countless individuals to embrace their identities and pursue athletic excellence.

We are confident that Denver's bid is not merely about hosting a sporting event, but about creating a legacy of inclusivity, athleticism, and global LGBTQ+ solidarity, especially strengthening it in the United States. The 2030 Gay Games in Denver would be a glimpse of hope and inspiration, showcasing the power of sport to unite communities and celebrate the diversity of human experience.

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,

Josh Snyder

CGVA President on behalf of:

The Board of Directors and Members of the Colorado Gay Volleyball Association