

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

December 6, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-305, U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We are writing to urge your support for FY2025 funding that ensures critical security needs associated with the FIFA World Cup 2026 are met. Due to its scale and geographic scope, the security risks associated with hosting the World Cup are unprecedented. In particular, State and local security and emergency services, specifically local law enforcement and first responders, need federal support to effectively address the risks. We respectfully request that you provide \$625 million for these efforts in any FY2025 appropriations acts or end-of-year funding package.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has designated the 78 U.S.-based matches as Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) I and II events. Furthermore, intelligence from the U.S. National Counterterrorism Center confirms an increase in threats targeting stadiums and public events. The World Cup's projected 19 billion views makes it a uniquely attractive target for malicious actors.

To help ensure the safety and security of spectators, teams, and communities across the country during the tournament, additional resources are needed for a wide range of State and local security services. This includes increased training, readiness exercises, cybersecurity defenses, expanded emergency response and policing services, as well as heightened screening at major transportation hubs among other security needs.

The estimated cost of the additional security needs across the 11 World Cup Host Cities is \$625 million. We understand the Host Cities have been working closely with DHS to identify the scope of security risks and determine an efficient and effective way to execute federal funding to address these security needs. Given the lead-time required for security activities in advance of the World Cup, it is imperative that funding is provided in FY2025.

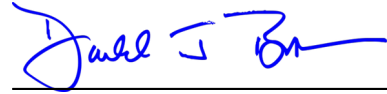
The World Cup is expected to generate more than \$11 billion in economic impact throughout the United States. Ensuring a secure World Cup 2026 will further demonstrate American exceptionalism to the world. It will also show Congress's commitment to national security and help prepare for future events, including the 2028 Summer Olympics.

We appreciate your leadership on the House Appropriations Committee and request funding be included in the final FY2025 appropriations acts, or any year-end package, for Host Cities' security needs.

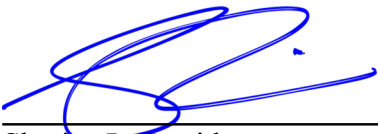
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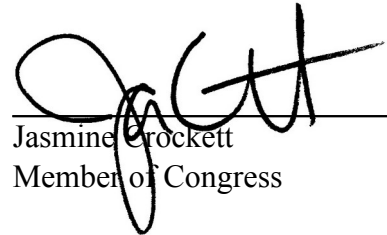
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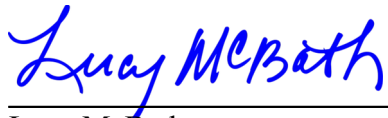
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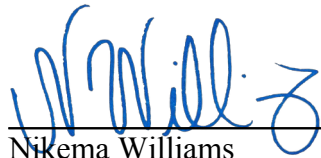
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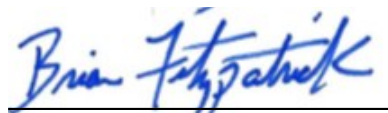
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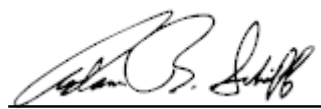
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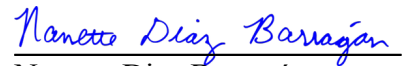
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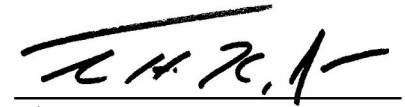
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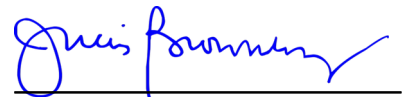
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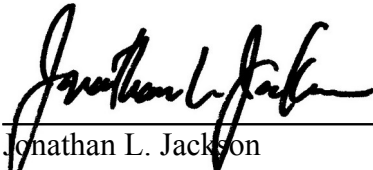
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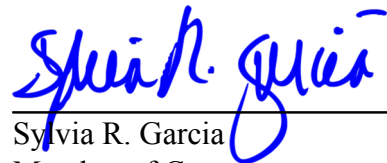
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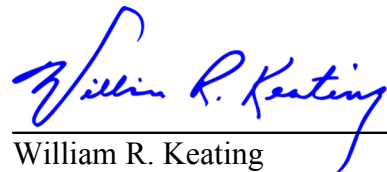
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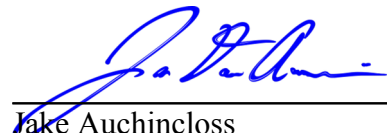
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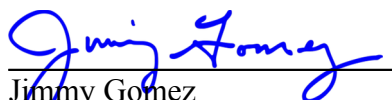
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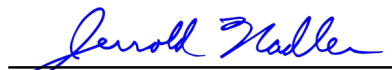
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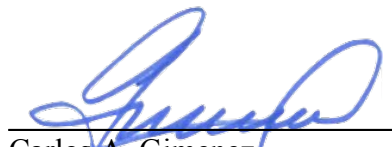
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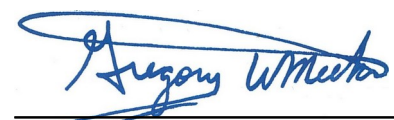

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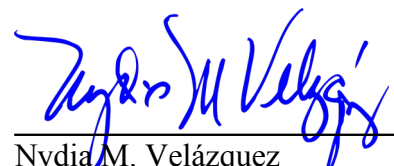

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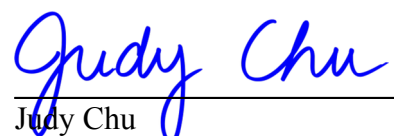

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