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RE: HB 4146

Governor Brown, President Courtney, Speaker Kotek, and Members of the Legislature:

We are writing on behalf of the Bowerman Track Club, Nike Oregon Project and Oregon Track Club Elite training groups to ask that you support the legislation that, if passed, would contribute to the ability to bring exciting events to the state of Oregon, including the 2021 IAAF World Championships.

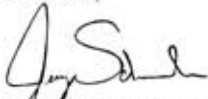
Collectively, our groups bring together more than 40 of the most accomplished and most promising middle to long distance runners in the world. Among them are Olympic medalists, World Champions and World and National record-holders. Besides the great coaching, each of them is drawn here for the same reasons – the state of Oregon is home to the most passionate and knowledgeable fan base in America, the temperate climate is ideal for year-round training, and the access to the meets at Hayward Field, most notably the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials and Prefontaine Classic, is unequalled.

Properly hosting the 2021 IAAF World Championships here in the United States will be a landmark accomplishment for our sport and an unprecedented opportunity for the state of Oregon. Track and field aficionados are well aware of our state's contribution to the sport. Because of our storied legacy, this is both a quality with which we identify and one by which we are identified. It is incumbent upon us to continue this great tradition for future generations. The legends of tomorrow are running today and we have a chance to be a part of their stories. In 2021, records will fall, the bar will be raised and each time history speaks of it, they will mention Oregon.

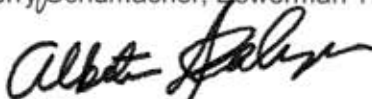
As coaches, we represent decades of institutional knowledge and experience. We have competed in or guided our athletes through World Championships and Olympic Games since the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

The meets hosted at Hayward Field in recent years are among the best organized and most athlete-friendly that we have attended. We look forward to welcoming the athletes and coaches of the world to our home stadium and to preparing our own runners to inspire the next generation of track athletes and fans. The funding provided with the passage of this bill will help ensure that the 2021 World Championships can be hosted in a fashion befitting our great tradition. We greatly appreciate your support.

Thank You,



Jerry Schumacher, Bowerman Track Club



Alberto Salazar, Nike Oregon Project



Mark Rowland, Oregon Track Club Elite