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

On behalf of the United States Olympic Committee, I would like to make sure you are aware that we fully support USA Track & Field and TrackTown USA in their organization of the IAAF World Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon in 2021. We supported the bid to bring the Championships to Oregon and we remain committed to supporting the successful delivery of this major event through resources, experience and leadership.

The IAAF World Championships are, without question, one of the most important and prestigious events on the international sport calendar. Such an extraordinary event offers all of us a unique opportunity to support the State of Oregon and our partners at USATF and TTUSA in delivering a long-term vision for elevating the sport of track & field to new levels of participation, popularity and promotion in the United States (and in doing so reinforcing the positive image around the world of Oregon as the heart and soul of the sport in our country).

Hosting major Olympic sports events in the United States in partnership with our National Federations and local communities is a long-term strategic priority for the U.S. Olympic Committee. We believe this not only will deliver benefits to our international image, but in this particular case, will provide lasting economic, social and health benefits for the youth and citizens of communities across the State of Oregon.

In this regard, we understand that key funding legislation is being considered at this upcoming legislative session that would, in part, go toward supporting the organization of the World Championships in Eugene. With the World Track & Field Championships in Oregon, you have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity not only to showcase your great State, but to create an Oregon-based legacy for sport in America.

We wholeheartedly encourage you to support the legislation and our partners in order to make that vision possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Blackmun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "B".

Scott A. Blackmun
Chief Executive Officer