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Sent by email

Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,

We are writing as Ontario sport organizations that make up the Hamilton 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid to express our support for hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games in the Golden Horseshoe Region, spanning 8 municipalities and 2 First Nations, as an opportunity to advance and promote the Ontario government's "Game On" Sport Plan priorities.

For most Ontario's summer athletes and coaches the Commonwealth Games are their first international games, a critical benchmark for their Podium Pathway and an important steppingstone to the Olympic and Paralympic Games. On average a third of Canada's Commonwealth athletes are from Ontario, winning a third of the Commonwealth medals. Hosting the Commonwealth Games gives Ontario's athletes home field advantage, reduces their training and competing costs and provides an opportunity to achieve at home inspiring all Ontarians.

A Hamilton 2030 Commonwealth Games will deliver a sport technical officials training programme aimed at increasing the supply for locally trained sport technical officials (minor & major) working towards implementing best practice recruitment and retention strategies of locally trained sport technical officials to service Ontario for decades to come.

Hosting the world's first gender equal and inclusive Games facilitates increased sport and fitness participation, especially amongst under-represented, marginalized, and at-risk groups including women and girls, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, newcomers, and Indigenous Peoples, improving Ontarian's health and well being.

The 2030 Commonwealth Games will utilize 8 existing sport venues including selected 2015 Pan & Parapan American Games and 2022 Ontario Games, namely, Tim Hortons Field (Hamilton), National Cycling Centre (Milton) and the International Flatwater Centre (Welland). Also, it will leave valuable legacies including 6 new and upgraded sport & community infrastructure. Three of 6 proposed new or upgraded sport venues are funded and operated by the private sector.

The return of Commonwealth Games to Ontario where they began 100 years ago allows us to maintain our competitive advantage and provide a strong signal to the national and international sport community of Ontario's leadership in sport.

Sincerely,

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