

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

Federation Internationale de Football Association,
FIFA Strasse 20,
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January 20, 2022

Dear FIFA Leadership:

As the elected federal government leadership of the State of Maryland, we offer our wholehearted support of the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the Baltimore-Maryland Host Organizing Committee. There is no community in the United States better suited to form the critical partnership between government and the private sector necessary to organize a successful World Cup.

Therefore, it is with great enthusiasm for the greater Baltimore and Capital region that we commit the resources of our offices to work with the Baltimore-Maryland 2026 Host Organizing Committee, the United States Soccer Federation, and FIFA to bring the World Cup back to the Capital Region in 2026.

We commit to working as partners with the United States Soccer Federation, FIFA, and the Baltimore-Maryland 2026 Host Organizing Committee to prepare the government guarantees necessary for Baltimore-Maryland's hosting needs. We recognize that these guarantees will include commitments regarding infrastructure and facilities, security and safety, the operational requirements for the FIFA World Cup, financial certainty, and other guarantees as set forth by FIFA and the hosting process.

Americans come to the Capital Region to lend their voices to issues, ask for change, celebrate who we are as a nation, and live in a truly global community. This hosting opportunity can become a transformative initiative to elevate the issues of sport and youth in this region and this country.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup held in the Capital Region will take advantage of our existing venues, efficient and comprehensive transportation system, established structure for multi-government cooperation and action, and the sports-enthusiastic community that resides in the Capital Region. The World Cup will also leave a legacy of new sports venues and sport development programs and funding, furthering the Global Game of Football movement in our region, the United States, and worldwide. We firmly believe that the most significant legacy any community can have from hosting a World Cup is the joy and experience of participating in the Beautiful Game's movement. We are committed to ensuring that the legacy of a World Cup is not limited to its impact on our region.

We welcome any opportunity to meet with you and discuss our support for Baltimore-Maryland's bid to host the FIFA World Cup. But, most importantly, we look forward to bringing the World Cup back to America and to welcoming the athletes of the world to our nation's Capital Region.

Sincerely,



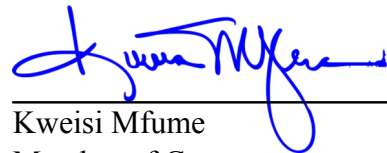
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