

May 12, 2023

Mr. Ross Young
CEO, USA Rugby
501 S. Cherry Street, Unit 100
Glendale, CO 80246

Dear Mr. Young,

I am writing to express my support for Indiana's efforts to host the Rugby World Cup. Our great state has a proud and long history of driving economic development and building community through sport. The combined efforts of our civic and community leaders over the past 44 years have made Indianapolis a nationally-recognized leader in sports and major sporting events.

Indianapolis has invested in the development of a robust sports-focused ecosystem incorporating sports innovation; medical researchers and practitioners; academic researchers; and experts on the business of sport. This environment has made it an attractive home to governing bodies such as the NCAA and USA Track and Field. Plus, the city has developed a hospitality industry prepared to accommodate the world's largest sporting events. It has hosted the Super Bowl, the Pan American Games, multiple NCAA finals, and this year, will once again host the Big Ten Football Championship Game.

Rugby enjoys tremendous support in Indiana. The state has 31 boys high school teams, 14 girls high school teams, and 12 college programs. Its rugby community has produced prominent athletes such as Bryce Campbell and Joe Schroeder.

Rugby's largest, most iconic event will find a welcoming community, state-of-the-art facilities, and enthusiastic fans in Indiana. And I have no doubt it will be a memorable one.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact my office at 317-226-6700. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Todd Young
United States Senator