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Ms. Ioanna Morfessis
President & CEO
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Dear Ioanna:

As a Director of the Chesapeake 2012 Coalition, thank you for your personal and uncompromising investment of time, energy, knowledge and passion over the past few years. It was your leadership that was the force behind our bid.

We are all very disappointed at the outcome last week for the residents of our great region. We believed – and still do – that our bid was second to none and would have won at the international level.

Sometimes the victory comes not from the final score, but in how the game was played. The process of competing for the 2012 Games has brought our region together in ways that almost no one would have thought possible just a few years ago. Our region is much stronger, more unified and more focused on building for the future because of you and this bid effort. Every resident of the greater Washington-Baltimore region should be proud of what we have accomplished as a team, as a community.

Despite the decision, your hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence deserves a gold medal. I will always be proud to have been part of such a great team.

Best regards,



John Morton III
Chairman, CRC 2012

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