

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

April 18, 2024

The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin  
Secretary of Defense  
Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Austin,

We write to you today expressing our support and requesting your initiation of the bid process of hosting the World Military Summer Games during the summer of 2027 in the great state of North Carolina. The World Military Games (WGM) is a sporting event hosted every four years which brings our world's militaries together to promote friendly international sporting competition. The showcase of militaries from across the globe competing in sports is a noble cause and opportunity to highlight United States values and national pride.

Since the modern inception of the WGM in 1995, fifty years after the end of World War II and the ratification of the United Nations, the United States has not hosted these games. We believe this is a critical time for our country to host these games to showcase our values as well as invite foreign nations to experience American excellence on and off the field of play.

North Carolina is strategically suited to host the WGM with our plentiful sporting venues, colleges, and transportation infrastructure. While it will require work to put on an event of this stature, North Carolina is well prepared and willing to prepare to execute a highly sophisticated and memorable experience.

We are excited at the prospect of the United States and the state of North Carolina bidding on the 2027 WGM. We hope to see our service men and women's athletic talents shine with this opportunity. With your support, the Bid Committee can prepare the bid to be submitted to the International Military Sports Council (CISM) and begin the required planning process.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see your support for the North Carolina bid on the 2027 World Military Summer Games.

Sincerely,



Ted Budd  
U.S. Senator



Thom Tillis  
U.S. Senator



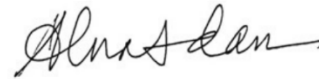
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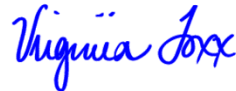
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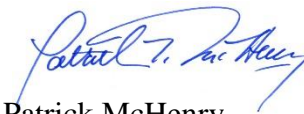
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