

June 8, 2021

The Honorable Rick Scott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

Thank you for your letter of May 19, 2021 regarding our planned coverage of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

We commend your leadership on human rights issues, as our company is committed to conducting our business with integrity and respect for human rights. We also believe our political leaders are in the best position to use the various diplomatic and other tools available to the government to address human rights matters globally.

The selection of an Olympic host city is the sole responsibility of the International Olympics Committee (IOC). NBCUniversal has no role in the selection of cities that host this extraordinary gathering of the world. As the U.S. media rights holder of the Olympics, our only role is to broadcast the Olympic and Paralympic Games to a U.S. audience.

We are proud of the role we play in ensuring the achievements of the U.S. Olympic team are highlighted for Americans cheering back at home. Because of our coverage, families who have supported U.S. Olympians and Paralympians over years of training, but who might not be able to attend the Games, can witness their loved ones compete. In fact, for the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, the families and friends of our U.S. Olympians and Paralympians are relying entirely on our broadcast to witness their loved ones in competition, because all foreign spectators are prohibited from traveling to Japan for the Games.

U.S. Olympians and Paralympians are also an inspiration to the American audience. Our U.S. athletes come from all corners of the U.S. and serve as important role models in communities across the country. Our coverage introduces sports and athletics to some young viewers for the first time, and we hope it fosters pride in U.S. achievement and inspires the next generation of great athletes.

Refusing to air the Games to a U.S. audience would only hurt Americans: Team USA Olympians and Paralympians, many of whom have trained for much of their lives to compete in a single Games, who would be denied the opportunity to shine in front of family, friends and fans; and the U.S. audience, who would be deprived of the opportunity to cheer on and take pride in the athletes who represent our country.

Thank you again for your letter, and we appreciate your continued dialogue with us on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Tahtakran', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Tahtakran
Head of Federal Government Affairs