



May 6, 2026

Representative Jamie D. Allard
State Capitol, Room 415
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VIA EMAIL ONLY

Dear Representative Allard,

On behalf of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, I am writing to confirm key details of the proposed 2028 Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The AWGIC is advancing discussions to support Fairbanks as the host of the 2028 Arctic Winter Games. This opportunity is timely and significant, offering a viable, experienced host community at a critical juncture for the Games' future.

Regarding funding, the current proposal reflects \$3.5 million in State support, with \$1.75 million allocated to the FY27 budget cycle and the remaining \$1.75 million to the FY28 budget cycle. This phased approach aligns with the financial planning requirements and the Games' delivery timeline.

As you are aware, the AWGIC previously decided to move to a three-year Games cycle through 2032 to support the sustainability and viability of the Arctic Winter Games, given the lack of confirmed host communities beyond 2026. This adjustment deferred the Games scheduled for 2028 and 2030 to 2029 and 2032, respectively, establishing a temporary three-year interval.

The emergence of Fairbanks as a potential 2028 host materially alters this position. With a viable host now identified, the AWGIC will revisit this approach and work toward a return to the longstanding two-year Games cycle, a defining feature of the Arctic Winter Games since 1970, except during COVID-19 disruptions.

Re-establishing the two-year cycle is important for the stability of the Games, the expectations of participating jurisdictions, and the ongoing development pathway for Arctic youth.

We appreciate your engagement and support in advancing this opportunity and look forward to continued collaboration as planning progresses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John H Rodda".

John H Rodda, President

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