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Dear President Coe:

Thank you for the opportunity to write this letter in support of Visit Tallahassee/Leon County and their pursuit to host the 2026 World Athletics Cross-Country Championships at the award-winning Apalachee Regional Park. Tallahassee's event pedigree and passion for the sport of distance running, paired with the resources of the great State of Florida, makes for a perfect combination to ***"Welcome the Worlds to Florida."***

Since 2009, Tallahassee has hosted over 100 high-profile cross-country events, including both state and national championships at Apalachee Regional Park. The course itself has become the crown jewel of cross-country courses in the United Stated and has solidified Tallahassee's reputation as one of the top cross-country sports tourism destination in the United States.

I strongly support the bid application of Visit Tallahassee and appreciate your consideration to host the World Athletics Cross-Country Championship in Tallahassee. If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

Neal Dunn, M.D.
Member of Congress

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