



UNITED STATES
OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
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Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Susanne D. Lyons - President

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ITTF National Table Tennis Associations
Presidents and Secretaries General
Delegates to the 2019 AGM

Dear Mr. President,
Dear Mr. Secretary General,
Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the U.S. Olympic Committee, I am pleased to confirm our support for the USA Table Tennis bid for the 2021 ITTF World Championships in Houston. We are pleased to be partnering with the Houston Sports Authority for the bid, particularly since Houston has been one of our strongest partners in the United States in hosting Olympic sport competitions over the past decade.

As you are aware, In the United States we have a passion for sport and a long tradition of hosting international sport competitions. Moreover, sport is one of the most powerful means to bring about sport diplomacy among nations. With 2021 marking the 50th anniversary of Ping Pong Diplomacy between the United States and China, it would be our honor to be able to commemorate this significant event in our history by hosting the 2021 ITTF World Championships.

We look forward to the opportunity to host the world's greatest table tennis athletes and officials in 2021 in Houston, a city passionate about sport and known for its warm Texan hospitality. Through our partnership with the State Department, we will work in collaboration with USA Table Tennis and the Houston Sports Authority to facilitate the process for issuing U.S. Visas for all athlete and participating officials.

Furthermore, we are confident of USA Table Tennis and the Houston Sports Authority's expertise in providing the ITTF with the best possible organization of the 2021 ITTF World Championships, in the interest of promoting table tennis worldwide.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susanne D. Lyons".

Susanne D. Lyons

