



February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

JOHN A. KITZHABER, MD  
Governor

Mr. Lamine Diack  
IAAF President  
17, Rue Princesse Florestine  
Monaco

Dear Mr. Diack:

I am pleased to express my continued support for bringing the IAAF World Championships to Oregon. We were honored to be a finalist for the 2019 games and would be equally honored to host the 2021 games. Oregon's beautiful scenery, warm hospitality and recreational nature make it an ideal sports setting; and our state's reputation as a running haven has made it a hotbed for running enthusiasts, shops and competitions.

I commit now as I did for the 2019 bid that I will work with my colleagues in state and local government, other public and private entities, and USATF and TTUSA to ensure the unprecedented success of IAAF's crown jewel: the World Championships. I also give you my personal commitment to apply all my powers and means to obtain financial and legislative support in order to provide funding necessary for the championship's success in Oregon.

Oregon is a state that believes in and shares your vision of Athletics for a Better World. In fact, these IAAF World Championship are a part of our State's vision and strategy to promote youth, health and sustainability with the legacy of this event acting as a catalyst to deliver specific programs and long-term value to future generations.

To Oregonians, track and field is more than just a sport; it is a part of who we are, a part of our DNA. The love and dedication that Oregon has for lacing up and hitting the tracks cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

On behalf of Oregon, I urge you to select our state as your hosts for the 2021 World Championships.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.  
Governor

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