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Dear Sir Philip Craven,

Let me thank you for your letter which has reached me without any surprises, I am sharing your disappointment in this matter. I am also convinced that Budapest has never been so close to organize the Paralympic and Olympic Games. One and a half years ago, the mutual decision was taken with unified support to launch the common dream: Budapest would like to host the best athletes of the world.

Many talented and excellent professionals have been working to submit an accurate and high quality Bid in accordance to the Agenda 2020. I believe that the legendary Hungarian creativity and teamwork has shown its exceptionality and the project has started with serious chances to win. The positive influence of the application also shows that more Hungarian people than ever have paid attention to the disabled athletes during our Bid process, the „intellectual accessibility” of Hungary has already been started. After the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, the Hungarian athletes have been surrounded by more love, social awareness and recognition, Hungary has celebrated the team members as worthy role models.

I suppose that the majority of Hungary's population has supported and continues to support Budapest to organize the major sport events of the world. The Government of Hungary, the Hungarian Olympic Committee and the Municipality of Budapest's decision with regard to the Bid's withdrawal has been a responsible decision, since the organization of such a grandiose sport event could only be successful based on social and political consensus, together.

Nearly 800 thousand disabled people are living in Hungary. We continue to believe that it is important for the majority, for all nine million and two hundred thousand Hungarians to be ensured the wheelchair accessible and comfortable transportation, accessible community spaces and stores to our minority's disabled patriots.



The opportunity of the Paralympic Games' organization in Budapest goes beyond the sport competition. This time, the political conflict of interest has succeeded in „breaking the means but not the end”: the Hungarian Paralympic Committee remains committed to represent the Hungarian disabled sports and athletes, to strengthen all Hungarian's sensitization, as well.

We respect the view of the Bid's opponents, however we could not agree with them. Our short- and long-term aims are to attract more world sport events and para athletes to Hungary, we wish to give back the confidence and faith to our society by taking small steps, as it is worthy of organizing the Paralympic and Olympic Games in Budapest.

I would like to thank you very much Sir Philip that you have always stood by our side showing your personal support and love devoted to the Hungarian people. Please be so kind to remain our friend and supporter, we are counting on you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

László Szabó
President