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June 5, 2014

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003-4095

Dear Chairwoman Wasserman Schultz:

It gives me great pleasure to forward New York City's bid to host the 2016 Democratic National Convention. As the largest and most diverse city in the nation, and as a community with incredible resources and institutions on which to draw, New York City offers an unparalleled stage on which to host the DNC. New Yorkers are enthusiastic and united in our desire to see the convention return to New York. From our cultural groups to our elected officials, business partners, union workers and tourism industry, there is incredible energy around this bid.

To anchor the convention, we are eager to offer Brooklyn's Barclays Center as the principal venue. This spectacular arena in one of the most dynamic and resurgent neighborhoods in our city is located atop nine subway lines and a stop of the Long Island Railroad. From the Brooklyn Museum and Brooklyn Academy of Music closest to the Barclays Center to destinations throughout the five boroughs ranging from the American Museum of Natural History to Staten Island's St. George Theatre to the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx to the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens, these are just a few examples of the venues that can make compelling settings for the convention's many events.

Our enthusiasm for hosting the DNC is matched only by our capacity to execute large, world-class events such as Super Bowl XLVIII, leveraging the expertise of our city agencies, workforce and private sector. We are proud to be the safest big city in the country and the home of the nation's most extensive public transit system and largest bicycle-share program. These attributes along with the talent, professionalism and ability of our City personnel to work closely with state and national partners has produced tremendously successful events that have been shared on a global stage.

The progressive spirit of New York City has never been stronger or more vibrant than it is today. The values of the Democratic Party—inclusion, diversity, compassion—are part of our city's spirit. We believe that this spirit can energize and captivate both the Democratic Party and the nation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor