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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Bob Bowsby
Commissioner
Big 12 Conference
400 East John Carpenter Freeway
Irving, TX 75062

Dear Commissioner Bowsby,

Thank you for the consideration of the University of Connecticut's application to join the Big 12 Conference. Connecticut greatly values this opportunity to demonstrate the strengths and value UConn will bring to the Big 12.

UConn has stellar academics, innovative research and a national reputation that attracts the best and brightest to the Northeast. The State of Connecticut has a long legacy supporting the University academically and athletically. Most recently, the State has made a \$1.5 billion investment to expand the school to better serve students in the sciences, engineering and digital media. It followed a historic investment in UConn's medical school and a new hospital along with the launch of an R&D tech park.

In Connecticut, we proudly support UConn athletics, and recognize its cultural and economic value to students, alumni and fans, regionally and nationally. You will find as enthusiastic a fan and alumni base here as you will find anywhere else in the nation. Together, we make sure that UConn athletics has the resources to be competitive and to create the great rivalries that fans adore.

Connecticut has a record of delivering championship-level play whenever we invest in a team. More than a decade ago, when it was the right time to further develop our football program, the State of Connecticut was there to build a new stadium. More recently, the State championed UConn Hockey's quest to join Hockey East investing in crucial facility upgrades, and already the Huskies are a competitive team with tremendous fan support. In the first year of Hockey East play, UConn enjoyed the largest average attendance of any conference school.

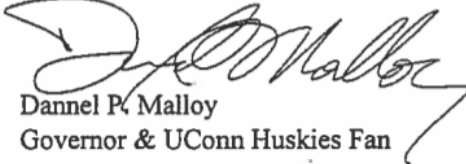
Today, we again stand ready to make the necessary investments to support the Huskies and the exceptional teams and fans of the Big 12. There is no doubt that UConn will have the full

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backing of the state of Connecticut, and the resources necessary to compete as a successful member of the Big 12 if an invitation is extended. As a proud UConn fan, I am personally available at your convenience to discuss further the State of Connecticut's commitment to UConn, and the benefits UConn brings to the Big 12.

Again, thank you for this opportunity and your diligent consideration. On behalf of UConn's students, alumni and fans, and the people of Connecticut, we look forward to tailgating with you.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor & UConn Huskies Fan