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Dear Jimmy and Dee,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to you and your team for engaging in a candid and constructive dialogue over the past year regarding the future of the Cleveland Browns in Northeast Ohio. Throughout our conversations, you have been clear about the two primary options under consideration - renovating the current stadium in Downtown Cleveland or constructing a new domed facility outside of the downtown core.

Today we are writing to affirm our united commitment to keep the Browns in Downtown Cleveland for generations to come.

The proposal to build a new stadium in Brook Park does not make fiscal sense for Cuyahoga County residents and taxpayers. Moreover, any proposal that would create an unacceptable risk to the County's general fund cannot be considered. We believe it is our responsibility and in the best interests of our community to prioritize reinvestment in existing public assets.

Over the last decade, we have seen billions of dollars of investment into Downtown Cleveland and it is our belief that a strong, vibrant downtown core is critical to our region. Working together, we can expand on the many public investments that have already been made including Progressive Field, Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse, the Hilton Hotel and the Huntington Convention Center, and private investments including the new Sherwin Williams headquarters, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame expansion and the Flats East Bank. A renovation of the downtown stadium will build on those investments and anchor future development on the lakefront.

We acknowledge this transformational investment is about more than just dollars and cents. The stadium is more than just a venue. The team represents the heart and soul of Northeast Ohio and reinforces our community's identity and pride. Browns fans have a deep-rooted emotional connection to the team's rich history in Downtown Cleveland.

We look forward to partnering together on the next era of Cleveland Browns football in Downtown Cleveland.

Go Browns!

Chris Ronayne
Executive, Cuyahoga County

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