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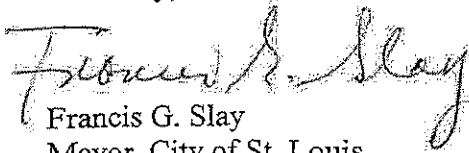
Dear Commissioner Garber:

You've undoubtedly heard the news that St. Louis is well on its way to producing a ballot measure in April that will allow for voters to approve appropriation of a business tax that would help fund a new 20,000-seat downtown stadium that would be home to a Major League Soccer expansion team. I am very proud of the progress that St. Louis has made over the past two months in the spirit of public private partnership to bring Major League Soccer to what many feel – and I know -- is the best soccer city in the United States.

I am confident the SC STL ownership group will mount an effective campaign that will speak to voters on the many benefits St. Louis will enjoy with a Major League Soccer club to cheer for in a new downtown stadium. As Mayor of the City of St. Louis, I will enthusiastically and tirelessly support those efforts, and my office will do the same.

I thank you and everyone associated with Major League Soccer for your consideration of St. Louis. We have a world class ownership group, a spectacular stadium site and plan, a vibrant and young business base, a rich soccer history and an unqualified love for the game, as evidenced by the record crowds here for international friendlies and U.S. national team matches. In short, St. Louis is perfect for Major League Soccer, and I would welcome the opportunity to host you prior to Election Day so we may deliver that message together to the voters of St. Louis.

Sincerely,


Francis G. Slay
Mayor, City of St. Louis

