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Subject: Support for the Proposed Skating Rink and Concert Venue in Delaware county

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Dear Mr. Langford,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed development of a skating rink and concert venue in Delaware County.

This multifaceted facility promises to be a significant asset to the Delaware county and Columbus metro community, offering numerous benefits that will enhance the quality of life for residents and stimulate local economic growth.

Enhancing Community Life

The introduction of a skating rink provides a year-round recreational space for families, schools, and community groups. It offers a venue for ice sports, public skating sessions, and youth programs, fostering community engagement and promoting healthy lifestyles. Similarly, the concert venue will serve as a cultural hub, attracting a diverse array of performances and events that enrich the cultural fabric of Delaware County.

Economic Impact

The economic advantages of such a facility are substantial. Live music and entertainment events have been shown to generate significant economic activity. For instance, in 2019, the live events industry in the United States generated a total economic impact of $132.6 billion, supporting 913,000 jobs with associated labor income of approximately $42.2 billion. This impact includes local operational spending by live event venues and off-site spending by out-of-town attendees, benefiting a wide range of local businesses.

Moreover, similar projects have demonstrated positive outcomes in other communities by providing a venue for local hockey teams and public skating, with anticipated benefits including increased local spending and job creation.

The proposed skating rink and concert venue in Delaware County represent a forward-thinking investment in our community's social and economic well-being. By providing a space for recreation, culture, and entertainment, this facility will not only enhance the quality of life for residents but also serve as a catalyst for economic development. I

wholeheartedly support this project and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our community.

Sincerely,

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