

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 28, 2011

Mr. Patrick McQuaid
Union Cycliste Internationale
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Switzerland

Dear Mr. McQuaid:

We are writing to express our strong support for the City of Richmond's bid to host the 2015 Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) Road World Championships.

As members of the Congressional delegation representing the Commonwealth of Virginia, we recognize the tremendous opportunity that hosting the World Championships would present to the Commonwealth of Virginia, our capital city, and indeed to our nation. The sport of cycling has been gaining popularity in the United States in recent years, and holding the Championships in this country would be certain to generate increased domestic interest in the sport. In 2009 alone, there were nearly three thousand USA Cycling competitive and non-competitive events sanctioned throughout the country. UCI has the opportunity to build on this momentum by accepting the City of Richmond's bid to host the 2015 Road World Championships.

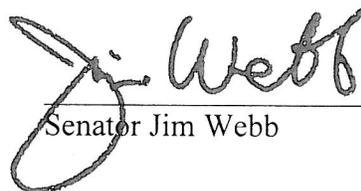
In addition, the City of Richmond offers the ideal location to host the 2015 Road World Championships. The city is centrally located, easy to access, offers extensive lodging and tourist attractions, and is a strong supporter of athletic and cultural events. As you know, Richmond's bid is also supported by USA Cycling, the governing body for all disciplines of competitive cycling in the United States.

We recognize that, with the Tour De France and the Giro d'Italia, the UCI Road World Championships forms the Triple Crown of Cycling. Because the United States has not hosted such a prestigious cycling event for 25 years, we would be extremely honored if UCI would choose Richmond as the location for the 2015 Road World Championships. We are collectively committed to making sure that the Road World Championships are a tremendously successful event in Richmond. We believe that nationwide support exists for bringing the UCI Road World Championships to the United States. We strongly support the City's bid and urge you to approve it.

Sincerely,



Senator Mark R. Warner



Senator Jim Webb



Congressman Eric Cantor

Congressman Bobby Scott