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Mr. John Furlong
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Dear Mr. Furlong:

Last month, VANOC announced the sponsors of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. As you're well aware, for the public, the Torch Relay is often the first and most tangible evidence of the arrival of the Games. It will bring the Olympic Flame and spirit to hundreds of communities and millions of people across Canada. It is truly and an excellent opportunity for B.C. communities, and communities across Canada, to become involved in the spirit of the Games. However, I propose that the spirit of the Games be spread even further.

When the bid for the 2010 Games was made in 2002, British Columbia received letters of support from our neighbouring jurisdictions, including Washington State. In recognition of that support and the keen interest in Washington has shown in the Games, I would like to request that a segment of the Torch Relay travel to Washington State, including the Peace Arch.

This is an opportunity to extend the spirit of 2010 and the passion we feel in B.C. for these Games to our neighbours. It is also a great chance to build interest in the 2010 Games on an international level. I'm sure you will agree this is a great opportunity for B.C. and for the Games.

Yours truly,

Original
Signed By

Colin Hansen
Minister

cc: Annette Antoniak
President and CEO
BC Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Secretariat