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FAI Plenary Committee

Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI)

Lausanne, Switzerland

Dear Members of the FAI Plenary Committee,

On behalf of the Balloon Federation of America (BFA), the national governing body for the sport of hot air ballooning in the United States, I am honored to write in strong support of the bid submitted by Jackson, Michigan and the Hot Air Jubilee to host the 2027 FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of bringing this prestigious event to Jackson and are confident that the Hot Air Jubilee team is exceptionally well prepared to deliver a championship worthy of the world's finest women balloonists.

The Hot Air Jubilee has long been recognized within the American ballooning community for the professionalism, safety, and attention to detail with which it conducts its operations. Its organizing staff and volunteer corps bring deep, hands-on experience in launch field management, competition task-setting, and pilot safety briefings, and they work closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and local emergency services to ensure that every launch is conducted to the highest safety standard. This is a team that understands that a world championship demands not only a remarkable event for spectators, but rigorous, disciplined execution behind the scenes, from weather monitoring and retrieving logistics to equipment inspection and pilot support. We have every confidence that Jubilee's staff will extend that same standard of care and precision to a world-class international competition.

The Balloon Federation of America gives its full and unqualified endorsement to Jackson, Michigan and the Hot Air Jubilee as host of the 2027 FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship. We believe this bid represents an outstanding opportunity to showcase women's competitive ballooning on the world stage, and we pledge our continued support and cooperation to the organizing committee throughout the planning and execution of this event.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the FAI's favorable decision and to celebrating a memorable championship in Jackson.

Respectfully,

Jason Jones

President

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