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William D. Talbert III
President and CEO
Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau
701 Brickell Avenue, Suite 2700
Miami, FL 33131

Dear President Talbert,

As you consider the location of the stadium for the Major League Soccer (MLS) team in South Florida, I write to you to urge your consideration of a South Dade location.

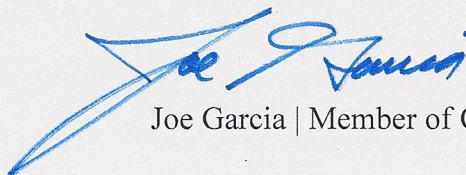
In recent weeks, I have spoken with many other community leaders and elected officials who represent the South Dade area and it is clear that the community would welcome the construction of a stadium in the area. Officials including State Senator Dwight Bullard, State Representative Kionee McGhee, Commissioner Denis Moss, Florida City Mayor Otis Wallace, and Homestead Mayor Jeff Porter have all joined me to voice our strong support for the selection of a site in the Homestead-Florida City area. This strong support from local community leaders will help ensure a smoother process for the construction of a stadium and development of a professional soccer team.

As you know, cities in the South Dade area and the suburbs of Miami are among the most diverse in the country. Large communities of people from around the world have taken root in South Florida. In addition to the residents of the City of Miami, these South Dade communities would help form a devoted fan base that would fuel attendance at games and contribute to a strong sense of solidarity with the team.

While cities in in South Dade area have experienced a boom in development over the past decade, the cost of purchasing and developing land remains lower in South Dade than in areas like downtown Miami. This makes a South Dade location a fiscally responsible and economically sensible choice for the potential location for a professional soccer team in South Florida.

On behalf of myself and other leaders from South Dade and in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, I urge you to give full and fair consideration to a South Dade site for stadium construction.

Sincerely,



Joe Garcia | Member of Congress