

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Adam Silver
Commissioner
National Basketball Association
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Silver,

Thank you for your reply to the letter sent July 21, 2016. Your response clarifies the NBA's single focused business objective.

The pressure faced by the NBA and other companies highlights a tragic reality. Liberal activists are more concerned with allowing men into the girls' locker room than standing up for female dissidents in China who face unspeakable sexual abuse and torture, or standing up for the religious minorities from whom the Chinese government forcibly harvests vital organs.

We would respectfully submit that the exercise of these barbarous acts in China have long been in the public domain prior to the NBA pursuing a lucrative opportunity in China. We understand you have chosen to bow to the firestorm in this country. The lack of free speech in China provides a safe haven for you to advance your business interests.

However, we would ask: where was the left's righteous indignation when the NBA originally announced the all-star game in Charlotte? Just a few months prior, in February 2015, the Charlotte City Council voted down the very same ordinance you now champion with your decision to withdraw the game.

To us, the answer appears clear, and is confirmed by the City of Charlotte's refusal to compromise with the North Carolina General Assembly when given the opportunity in May. The left seems more interested in dividing North Carolinians to score political points with their base during an election year than in working to find common ground to protect the rights and safety of all citizens.

We should all stand tall together and not allow the agenda of a few to dominate the better interests of all. The NBA has enjoyed stellar success. May your success provide you the perspective and courage to deflect the challenges of an outspoken activist minority. Don't let sports become exploited for political purposes. Rise above, play ball!

Sincerely,



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