



# NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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COMMISSIONER

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Hon. Robert Pittenger  
Member of Congress  
224 Cannon House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pittenger:

I am responding to your letter of July 21, 2016.

The NBA recognizes that it cannot choose the law in every country, state, and city in which it does business. We can, however, make business judgments as to where we will be able to conduct our events successfully.

The NBA All-Star Game is a unique event on our annual schedule. It is designed to be a celebration of the game of basketball involving all members of the NBA community -- current and former players, league and team officials, business partners, and fans.

North Carolina's HB2 law was enacted after we selected Charlotte as the host city for NBA All-Star 2017. As you know, the law has now created a nationwide controversy, and widespread litigation, with Charlotte as its geographic focal point.

Under these circumstances, it is our business judgment that we cannot successfully conduct our All-Star Game in Charlotte in 2017. It was certainly not our preference to move the game.

And in case there is any doubt, the NBA is not abandoning North Carolina. The Hornets remain in Charlotte and our other 29 teams will be traveling there to play games this season. In addition, a new NBA Development team (the Greensboro Swarm) will be commencing play in North Carolina this fall.

I hope I have responded to your concerns. Thank you for your letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Silver".

