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By U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

WNBA, LLC
645 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10022
Attn: Cathy Englebert, Commissioner

Re: *Connecticut Sun*

Dear Commissioner Englebert:

As you know, the State of Connecticut is very committed to keeping the Connecticut Sun (our “Team”) in Connecticut and continuing its success as part of the WNBA, LLC (the “WNBA” and the “League”) in our state. The WNBA must have a team in Connecticut because our state is the epicenter and heart of women’s basketball and a dominant force in the sport; the University of Connecticut (“UCONN”) women’s basketball team has won a record twelve (12) national championships, and the exciting play and unparalleled success of the UCONN women’s college basketball program has doubtless fueled enthusiasm for the professional game. Many of our players have played a key role in the founding, development and growth in the League, and many UCONN Huskies are now the leading players driving the current explosion in the WNBA’s growth and popularity. There would be no WNBA—and no worldwide growth in the popularity of women’s basketball—without the players, coaches, and dedicated fanbase in and from Connecticut.

This is why I am troubled by recent reports in the press that the WNBA may be wrongfully blocking a sale of the Connecticut Sun that would keep the Team in Connecticut in a manner that may be anticompetitive and may violate state and federal law. I am also concerned about press reports that, in lieu of a sale of the Team to a Connecticut-based buyer, the WNBA is demanding that the Team be sold to the League itself at a price tens of millions of dollars below market value, which could then be sold later to an owner approved to move the Team to a city that is part of the League’s plan of expansion.

To better understand the position of the WNBA, and the relative rights and responsibilities of the WNBA, and the Connecticut Sun, we respectfully request that you provide the state and the Office of the Attorney General with the following information,

- (1) a copy of the WNBA, LLC Operating Agreement;

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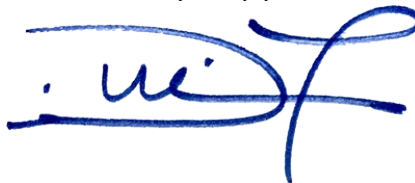
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- (2) the WNBA Membership Agreement between Team and WNBA;
- (3) the WNBA Operating Manual;
- (4) all other WNBA League Rules and Regulations; and
- (5) copies of all valuations of the Team, including but not limited to any appraisal, offer and/or expression of interest.

Following review of the materials, we request the opportunity to meet and discuss the ongoing plans for the Team. Please send your responses and any inquiries concerning this matter to Timothy.Birch@ct.gov and mail any materials to the address set forth below.

Our dedicated and enthusiastic fanbase in Connecticut has strongly supported the Connecticut Sun and the WNBA for over twenty-years; to lose this franchise would be devastating to our state's economy, our community and our state. Please understand Connecticut will fight hard for our players, coaches and fans, and we will take all steps necessary to keep the Team in Connecticut where it belongs.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Tong', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

WILLIAM TONG