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Dear Dr Mayer:

Thank you for considering Salt Lake as a site for the 2014 World Congress. Salt Lake has become an extremely popular leisure and convention destination.

The 2002 Olympic Winter Games have left Salt Lake with an impressive array of new hotels, new venues, a new light rail system, new restaurants and nightclubs. Visitors are impressed with Salt Lake's accessibility, Rocky Mountain scenery, clean safe streets, friendly people and endless cultural and recreational attractions.

Salt Lake's compact convention district features Historic Temple Square, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, museums, galleries, a planetarium, theaters, two indoor shopping malls and a brand new 43-acre retail and entertainment complex. There are seven ski and summer resorts within 35 minutes of the convention district and ten national parks within a day's drive. Salt Lake truly offers something for everyone throughout the year.

I am confident that you and your delegates will discover our community to be full of friendly, helpful people who eagerly welcome visiting groups. We have successfully hosted the world during the Olympic Games and now look forward to hosting your group. Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Corroon
Salt Lake County Mayor