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Good afternoon Ladies & Gentlemen. Thank you for letting me present this written statement of testimony for today's Hearing. I appreciate your interest and hopefully your endorsement for the 2016 Games.

My name is Bonnie Blair and I have been a Wisconsin resident since 1989. I am a four time Olympian and grew up in Illinois, so it is an honor to address you all about the Chicago 2016 Olympic bid.

Chicago, our Midwestern neighbor, is one of two U.S. cities remaining in the U.S. effort to host the Olympic Games in 2016. The U.S. Olympic Committee will decide on April 14 which city will be the nation's candidate in the international bid phase. The International Olympic Committee will make its final choice, from among several candidates from throughout the world, in October of 2009.

From the outset, the Chicago 2016 Exploratory Committee has set out to design a Games that's right for the Olympic Movement. The Chicago plan has always put the athlete first. The plan is compact limiting travel to venues that are being custom built to the sports of the Games.

Hosting the games brings together three passions shared by Chicago and the people of Wisconsin: the drive to constantly improve and renew our region; the love of hosting people from around the world; and the love of the outdoors and sports.

The USOC, has made it very clear that it will look to local and regional public opinion as one of the measures by which they will determine the U.S. Candidate City. Today, I am asking Wisconsin to show our Midwestern spirit and endorse the Chicago 2016 bid. Together, we can show the world what America is truly about.

Thank You

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5 X Gold Medalist & 1 Bronze