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Dear Mr. President, Mr. Rogge,

Recently I sent you a letter on behalf of the anti-Olympics "NOlympia" platform, in which I pointed out the poor poll numbers for the German bid, the lack of support for the bid by corporate Germany as well as the falsehoods and half-truths presented in the bid book of the Munich Bid Committee. In the intervening period, a detailed, critical evaluation of the bid book was presented to the press and published (<http://www.nolympia.de/wp-content/uploads/Gesamt.pdf>). The assessment also contains commentary on the ruling by a German district court in which the Olympic protection act (in German, the *Olympiaschutzgesetz*) was held to be unconstitutional, along with possible repercussions. The act is designed to protect the Olympic trademarks and symbols in Germany.

I have already informed you of the still wholly unresolved situation regarding numerous necessary parcels of land in Garmisch-Partenkirchen as well as the citizens' initiative, which has been extensively covered by the media. Yes, the petition of Olympics opponents' to examine the contracts failed by the narrow margin of 49.5% to 50.5%, nevertheless this anemic result once again demonstrates that the local population is none too enthusiastic about the event only a few short days before the decision to award the Olympic Winter Games. On the contrary, the residents remain deeply divided.

As I told you in my previous letter, we at the NOlympia movement wished to have your organization's contracts examined by a leading legal scholar, as we felt that the contracts disregard and violate federal law.

Now, a few days before the decision on the awarding of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in Durban, I would like to draw your attention to a commissioned legal opinion to this effect by the Society for Ecological Research, which clearly raises doubts under municipal law regarding the validity of any host city contract which might be signed.

In the opinion, renowned administrative law specialist Prof. Dr. Gerrit Manssen of the

University of Regensburg reaches the conclusion, *inter alia*, that the contract shifts nearly all the financial burdens and risks of hosting the games to the city of Munich. Manssen also stresses that by concluding the host city contract the state's capital would be acting outside its legally conferred statutory powers and that under current municipal budget law it cannot assume such unquantifiable financial risks. The report cites serious violations of the Bavarian municipal code. As such, if the mayor of Munich signs the host city contract his signature cannot be legally valid.

Attached to this letter please find both a legal summary of the findings as well as the complete report - both translated into English – for your esteemed perusal.

Kind regards



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