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Windy City National Qualifier  
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Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adidas Windy City National Qualifier.

Since its inaugural event in 2015, the Adidas Windy City National Qualifier has attracted youth volleyball players from all over the nation to demonstrate talent, teamwork, and determination. This past year showed substantial growth, attracting more than 800 teams, 15,000 participants, 200 officials, and 30,000 spectators, making it one of the largest indoor amateur sporting events held in the City of Chicago.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Great Lakes Region of USAV for working with the Illinois Department of Tourism, Choose Chicago, and McCormick Place to bring this exciting event to the City of Chicago, and allowing participants and spectators to enjoy all that the city has to offer.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer the athletes, parents, and spectators of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adidas Windy City National Qualifier my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Rauner".

Bruce Rauner  
Governor, State of Illinois