

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 6, 2026

The Honorable Pete Hegseth  
Secretary  
Department of War  
1300 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Hegseth,

We are writing to you to express our support for the upcoming Military World Games taking place in South Carolina and North Carolina in 2027. Service members and their families are critically important to South Carolina from the Upstate to the Lowcountry, so we are proud to welcome the Military World Games as an opportunity to celebrate their inspiring individual accomplishments and collective contributions to our great state.

South Carolina plays a unique role in the story of the United States Armed Forces. Charleston hosts Joint Base Charleston, which is home to the Air Force and the Navy, as well as United States Coast Guard Base Charleston. Columbia hosts Fort Jackson, which is the largest and most active Initial Entry Training center for the United States Army. Sumter is the home of Shaw Air Force Base, Hopkins hosts McEntire Joint National Guard Base, and Beaufort is the home of Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort. With representation from nearly all service branches, South Carolina is the natural choice to host events for the first Military World Games to take place in the United States.

The Military World Games will also spur significant economic activity across South Carolina. This economic impact will not only bolster civilian businesses but also veteran-owned businesses in the tourism, logistics, and construction industries. Whether they are competing in the games or enjoying the competition from the stands, all of our service members will benefit from the administration's active support for the Military World Games.

We are committed to working with the White House, the Department of War, our colleagues in Congress, and South Carolina's state authorities to ensure the Military World Games are a success, and we hope to welcome you to South Carolina to celebrate our service member athletes with us in 2027.

Sincerely,



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Tim Scott  
United States Senator



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Lindsey O. Graham  
United States Senator



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Sheri Biggs  
Member of Congress



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Ralph Norman  
Member of Congress