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Dear Ms. Macy and Mr. Kirkland:

Thank you for your letter regarding proposals to relocate Yankee Stadium. Please be aware that I share your concerns over the construction of hastily planned civic projects.

First and foremost, I remain committed to convincing George Steinbrenner to keep the Yankees in their home in the Bronx and having Yankee Stadium get the facility and transportation improvements needed to make it a modern, competitive facility. If the Yankees decide the only alternative is a different site, and the City comes forward with a proposal where they seek the help of the State, my Administration will be pleased to review it and try to work cooperatively with stadium and City officials with the understanding that I would not advocate a significant tax dollar commitment to what is essentially a private purpose.

I also agree that the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center needs to be expanded. Even with the new management that I installed a year ago, which has dramatically increased bookings, the Javits Center is slowly becoming less competitive with convention centers elsewhere. Any consideration of expanded convention space or a new sports facility on the Westside will require thoughtful review of the impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Clearly, transit improvements such as an extension of the #7 subway line, a 42nd Street Trolley or some other technology, would need to be carefully considered in connection with any project.

To this end I have directed Chairman Charles A. Gargano of the Empire State Development Corporation to coordinate with the appropriate state agencies to create a master plan for the West Side of midtown Manhattan, including the area surrounding the Javits Center. This master plan will evaluate alternatives and make recommendations concerning the Javits Center expansion, transit improvements, potential stadium construction and ancillary development.

Thank you again for your thoughtful comments.

Very truly yours,

George E. Pataki

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