Cathy McMorris Rodgers
CONGRESS (R)

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To Spokane Public Schools' Board:

I'm writing to you today to ask for a full and fair consideration of a stadium in downtown Spokane.

Over the past year, I've been increasingly concerned about the health and well-being of youth in our community. As our schools were forced to close, and sports and extracurricular activities were cancelled, negative physical to mental health impacts began to compound. As we continue to defeat the COVID-19 Pandemic, a new downtown stadium will provide our kids and community with exciting opportunities to come together safely, and stay active.

In addition, the economic opportunities for the Spokane region and the fiscal savings for taxpayers are significant. According to the study published in October 2020, a downtown stadium would not only save the district $17.5 million in operations and maintenance expenses, but would also generate over $11 million in positive annual economic impact for Spokane. This would provide a great boost for local businesses, especially as we recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.

The downtown location would be centrally located to all Spokane Public Schools and provide greater access to public transportation. It would build upon the investments already made to our community, while still putting the needs of the students and School District first.

I support the downtown location, and believe it would benefit the Spokane Public School District and Spokane community at large.

Sincerely,

Cathy McMorris Rodgers, WA-05