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Mr. Ed Malcik
Director
Office of International Conferences
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Malcik,

I am writing to urge you to select a California city to host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meetings in 2011. APEC is one of the world's most influential intergovernmental forums on economic issues, and I can think of no better host for this premier international event than the Golden State.

California's economy is closely connected to the Asia-Pacific region. We exported more than \$85 billion in goods to APEC member economies last year, and our shared commitment to cutting-edge research and innovation makes us natural partners. California is rich in both private and public sector expertise in agriculture, telecommunications, e-commerce, transportation and biosciences. We lead the nation in developing technology to meet our growing local and global energy challenges and in creating a "greener," more sustainable economy. We're on the front line of the global credit contraction started by the subprime mortgage crisis, and we stand ready to work with leaders from around the world to build solutions to our shared challenges.

California's economic and cultural diversity is unmatched, the weather unbeatable and the infrastructure for hosting the thousands of APEC participants unequalled. I have no doubt that the discussions and recommendations made at the 2011 meetings will make a huge difference in the future of our global society, and I look forward to having the chance to host such a renowned group of international leaders in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

cc: The Honorable Patricia Haslach, U.S. Senior Official for APEC, U.S. Department of State