Jill and I send our warmest greetings to the athletes, organizers, and attendees of The World Games 2022. The United States is honored to host this year’s competition in Birmingham, Alabama—a city that has long inspired a common dream for a better world.

For four decades, The World Games has provided athletes from around the globe with an opportunity to represent their nations and compete at the highest levels. To this week’s participants: Your discipline, endurance, and commitment to win have inspired us to pursue our hopes and dreams—not just in sport but also in life. You are a shining example of how far hard work and dedication can take us, and your camaraderie and sportsmanship remind us of our common humanity, of our shared passions, and that there is far more that unites us than divides us.

I applaud all those who made this wonderful event possible, and I congratulate the athletes of The World Games on your participation. You should all be proud of your accomplishments.