

City of Pittsburgh

Office of the Mayor

August 5, 1994

President and Mrs. Yeltsin
The Kremlin
Moscow, Russia

Dear President and Mrs. Yeltsin:

On behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, I am pleased to invite you to visit us during your upcoming trip to the United States in September.

As you know, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has a long-standing and successful relationship with several cities in Russia working in diverse areas such as women's health care, ecology, economic development, and industrial transformation.

We believe that Pittsburgh can help serve as an example of a successful transformation of an industrialized city. For nearly two hundred years, our area was known for its industrial might, particularly in mining and steel production. However, during the past two decades, we have transformed Pittsburgh's economy into one emphasizing advanced technology, health care, and education.

As an international region with a population of over two million, we have been working with Novokuznetsk and other areas in Siberia and Western Russia to create models for improved ecology and healthy economies. Through our Sister City program and other initiatives, we have fostered many sports and cultural exchanges between Russia and America.

Pittsburgh is also very proud of the work of Magee-Womens Hospital. Their groundbreaking program in women's health care reform at Savior's Hospital in Moscow is making great strides in family planning, public health education, and obstetrical practices. I understand Mrs. Yeltsin has visited this partnership project on two occasions: in January, 1994 with Mrs. Hillary Clinton, and in July, 1994 with Ms. Jane Fonda.

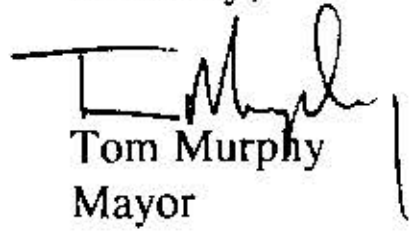


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We would certainly be honored to host you in our city and to provide you with a glimpse of the dynamic changes and programs that have helped make the renaissance of Pittsburgh a success.

Sincerely,


Tom Murphy
Mayor

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