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President and Mrs. Yeltsin
The Kremlin
Moscow, Russia

Dear President and Mrs. Yeltsin,

The Greater Pittsburgh of Commerce respectfully invites you to visit Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during your upcoming September visit to the United States.

Pittsburgh is the fifth largest corporate headquarters in the United States. In the past decade, many businesses in our city have connected with similar Russian enterprises particularly in Siberia and Western Russia. We would be happy to host a reception showcasing these efforts and commercial achievements.

The city of Pittsburgh has faced an urban crisis similar to the one facing many industrialized cities in Russia today. The transformation of Pittsburgh from a center of heavy industry to a city of advanced technology, education, health care, and "soft" manufacturing has been a challenging and dynamic process. We are proud of the progress we have made. We have been named one of the 10 healthiest cities in the U.S. in which to live. Pittsburgh is the center of a nine-county area filled with excellent sporting and recreational facilities, a premier cultural district, internationally-recognized hospitals, and world-class colleges and universities with more than 100,000 students in attendance. Pittsburgh also boasts a rapidly growing advanced technology industry with more than 800 firms employing approximately 85,000 people.

We hope you can find the time to tour Pittsburgh and to meet the people and institutions who help to make our city an urban success story. We enthusiastically await such a visit.

Sincerely,

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