



## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

### ***HOME OF THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME***

February 24, 2010

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Senator Scott Brown when he stopped by my office for a meeting following his election to the United States Senate. During our meeting, we discussed the possibility of you and your best female basketball player competing against Senator Brown and his best female basketball player to help raise money for a local charity. Without divulging his entire game plan, I have a feeling his best female player will be his daughter, Ayla Brown, a star basketball player at Boston College.

As Mayor of the City of Springfield, the birthplace of basketball, it is indeed an honor and privilege to extend an invitation to you to participate in a friendly game of basketball with Senator Brown. There are many charities in Springfield that would benefit greatly from the money this type of event would raise.

The City of Springfield, located in the Connecticut River Valley, has more than 150,000 residents and is the major urban center of Western Massachusetts. Known as "*The City of Homes*," Springfield is a community of great diversity. The United States Army established the Springfield Armory in 1794, which for nearly two centuries was the Army's primary design and production facility for small arms, such as the Springfield rifle. Our City was the home of author "Dr. Suess," the first American car was built here in 1893 by Charles and Frank Duryea, and the motorcycle industry was founded in Springfield in 1902. We were also home to the only Rolls Royce manufacturing facility in the United States.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Domenic J. Sarno

cc: Senator Scott Brown  
Governor Deval Patrick  
Congressman Richard Neal