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**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kevin M. O'Reilly  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037

**RE: 9<sup>TH</sup> Summit of the Americas- Support from U.S. Senator Alex Padilla**

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

I'm pleased to offer my support to the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Bid Committee in their efforts to bring the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles is a global city with residents from over 140 countries speaking over 220 different languages. As one of the most internationally recognized destinations in the world, it would be an honor to welcome international leaders to Los Angeles and host the Summit of the Americas.

California represents the largest economy in the United States – and the fifth largest in the world. Our state has long held a strong position on the international stage, with many of the world's top companies and creatives calling California home. California is a place that has been shaped by innovative thinkers from across the world, and we believe Los Angeles would be the perfect place to convene leaders to meet and discuss the most pressing issues facing the Americas.

As the largest city in the State of California, Los Angeles has a proud tradition of excellence in hosting major events. As a major international gateway for the United States, Los Angeles International Airport has incredible airlift, making travel to Southern California simple from all over the world.

Downtown Los Angeles makes for an ideal location for such a premier event. The sports, entertainment, retail, and dining establishments at STAPLES Center and L.A. LIVE are second to none, and the team working on this bid has a wealth of experience in hosting world-class events.

I urge your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Padilla". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and "P".

ALEX PADILLA  
United States Senator