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Peter J. Strouse, MD, FACR, President
The Society for Pediatric Radiology
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Dear Dr. Strouse and Delegates to the 2018 Annual Meeting of The Society for Pediatric Radiology:

Thank you for choosing Nashville to host your meeting next May. We think you'll find that Nashville is an open and welcoming city that respects and embraces the differences among us. We believe our differences make our community stronger.

As Mayor, I issued an executive order in 2016 requiring training of all employees of the Metropolitan Government in diversity issues and sexual harassment. When I was running for Mayor, I officiated the first same-sex marriage in Nashville just hours after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is allowed in all 50 states. Back when I served on the Metro Council, I successfully sponsored legislation to protect Metro employees from discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. Last year the council unanimously voted to approve a resolution asking the state legislature to vote against bills opposing the Supreme Court's decision on marriage equality.

These are just a few recent examples of our city's proud history of inclusiveness. We know that treating everyone equally is essential to growing our city's strong brand as a great place to live and work, as well as a place with a strong, diverse economy and thriving tourism industry. And it is simply the right thing to do.

We look forward to hosting you and seeing you take in the many sights, sounds and tastes that Nashville has to offer when you visit next spring. No matter where you go or what you do, I'm certain that your stay will be enjoyable because of the warm and welcoming atmosphere created by the Nashvillians who have given our city a worldwide reputation for hospitality. On behalf of the citizens of Nashville and Davidson County, I'm pleased to offer our best wishes for a successful meeting.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Megan Barry".

Megan Barry
Mayor

