



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

April 5, 2021

Mr. Neil Leibman
President of Business Operations and Chief Operating Officer
Texas Rangers
Globe Life Field
734 Stadium Drive
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Leibman:

Thank you for the invitation to throw out the first pitch at the Texas Rangers' home opening game. I was looking forward to it—until Major League Baseball adopted what has turned out to be a false narrative about the election law reforms in Georgia, and, based on that false narrative, moved the MLB All-Star Game from Atlanta. It is shameful that America's pastime is not only being influenced by partisan political politics, but also perpetuating false political narratives. The State of Texas was proud to help MLB host last season's National League playoff games and the World Series in Arlington. However, I will not participate in an event held by MLB, and the State will not seek to host the All-Star Game or any other MLB special events.

This decision does not diminish the deep respect I have for the Texas Rangers baseball organization, which is outstanding from top to bottom. I wish the team great success this season.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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