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Dear Professor Angel Ramos-Macias,

**Letter in support of London's bid to host IFOS - The International Federation of ORL  
(Otolaryngologists) Societies**

As the Minister for Skills for the UK Government's Department for Education (DfE), I am keen to support London's bid to host the IFOS - The International Federation of ORL (Otolaryngologists) Societies in 2030.

The United Kingdom boasts a distinguished tradition of healthcare excellence, from the pioneering work of figures such as Florence Nightingale to the contemporary achievements of UK clinicians and medical researchers playing a leading role in advancing public health, medical innovation, and patient care worldwide.

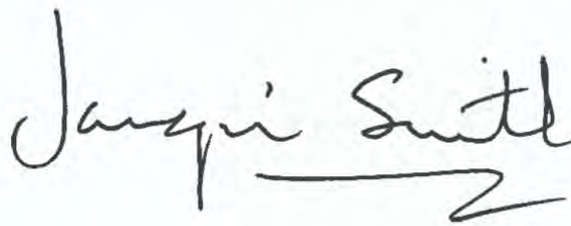
The vibrant scientific communities in London make the city a compelling host for IFOS 2030. Our commitment to fostering global excellence in healthcare education is reflected in our world-renowned teaching hospitals and universities, such as King's College London and University College London, which consistently lead the vanguard in otorhinolaryngology research and clinical training.

Hosting IFOS 2030 in London offers a unique synergy with the UK's educational mission. We view this Congress not merely as a week-long event, but as a catalyst for knowledge exchange, innovation in pedagogy, and global legacy.

London's infrastructure, especially the Excel London, is uniquely equipped to handle the complex technical requirements of a modern medical congress. It benefits from excellent connectivity to major international airports via the London Underground, making it highly accessible for overseas delegates, while its location within London provides unparalleled cultural, dining, and leisure opportunities beyond the conference setting.

The Department for Education is committed to ensuring that IFOS 2030 leaves a lasting educational footprint. We look forward to welcoming the international ENT community to London and demonstrating our dedication to the future of medical science.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jacqui Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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