

United States Senate

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Ms. Kirsty Leigh Coventry
President
International Olympic Committee
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Dear President Coventry:

Following the close of the 2026 Winter Olympics and the continued exclusion of Women's Nordic Combined, I write to strongly encourage the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to expand and equalize Nordic Combined by including women's competition in the 2030 Winter Olympic Games.

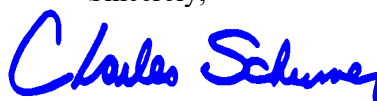
Women's participation in Nordic Combined has grown steadily over the past several years, yet opportunities to compete at the Olympic level have not kept pace. While top American athletes like Alexa Brabec, Annika Malacinski, and Tara Geraghty-Moats have excelled in the recently established Women's World Championship, they have been forced to watch from the sidelines as their male counterparts compete on the Olympic stage. The IOC has long been a global leader in advancing women's inclusion, and this represents another critical opportunity to reinforce that commitment as a growing number of women athletes from an expanding range of nations reach the international Nordic Combined podium.

For New York, this issue is especially significant. The Olympic dreams of Nordic Combined athletes are shaped at New York's world-class venues, Mt. Van Hoevenberg and the Lake Placid Olympic Ski Jumping Complex, where young women train year-round with hopes of representing Team USA. With strong performances from American women on the world stage already inspiring the next generation, including Women's Nordic Combined in future Olympic Games would maximize New York's millions of dollars in investment by expanding training opportunities, attracting more national and international competitions, driving tourism, and reinforcing Lake Placid's role as a premier destination for winter sports.

Expanding this sport is not only about fairness and equal opportunity for women athletes and providing long-overdue recognition for their achievements, but also about supporting regional economic growth, sustaining year-round use of New York's world-class facilities, and ensuring New York remains at the forefront of Olympic development in the United States. Adding Women's Nordic Combined would provide meaningful opportunities for female athletes while inspiring more young women to pursue excellence in one of winter sport's most demanding disciplines.

I urge you to reconsider and approve the addition of Women's Nordic Combined for the 2030 Winter Olympic Games.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator