

**DRAFT LETTER
USTA SC ADVOCACY
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**Use as Letter to Editor
Use as Letter to Elected Officials**

Dear xxxxxx:

We, at the United States Tennis Association, are all aware that participation in sports is an effective way to enhance your overall health and well-being, and playing tennis adds nearly 10 years to your life -- more than any other sport or activity.

More than 25 million played tennis in America in 2024, following five consecutive years of growth. Recently, the USTA committed an additional \$10 million in grants for tennis courts and facilities nationwide to reach 35 million players by 2035. This commitment will help build, refurbish and extend playable hours on tennis courts across the United States. The grants will ensure there is ample space to support continued player demand, especially in underserved communities.

South Carolina is ranked in the Top 5 Nationally in active facilities improvement projects. We need your help to continue the momentum. Our continued success lies with our partnerships within the tennis industry and with all who have a stake in the health and growth of tennis.

In addition, we annually commit thousands of dollars to programming grants and equipment in communities where tennis is played. We cannot be more excited about our key industry partnerships and quality programming to ensure tennis remains an opportunity for anyone who wants to play the sport if they want to play it.

For additional information about how to get involved in tennis in your area, please find us at www.sctennis.com.

Sincerely,

Local Tennis Person
Community Tennis Affiliation
Contact Information