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The Honorable Kevin J. Kelley
President, Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216
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Subject: Legislation to be Passed Under Suspension on September 23, 2020

Dear Council President Kelley:

We are requesting passage under suspension at the September 23, 2020, City Council Meeting of legislation to authorize the Mayor, the Director of Public Safety, or other appropriate Director, to enter into one or more agreements with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Case Western Reserve University related to the presidential debate, which event shall be designated as a Major Qualifying Event subject to the applicable provisions of Codified Ordinance Chapter 697A. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation will provide the Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion on the Clinic's Health Education Campus for the Presidential Debate on Tuesday, September 29. This legislation will authorize the agreements necessary for security and other essential City services for this event.

Passage of this legislation is critical for the Department of Public Safety to provide a safe and secure environment for the public during the event. The Department of Public Safety anticipates that this historic and high-profile event will attract numerous news media and visitors to the debate site and the surrounding area. The agreements authorized by this legislation will ensure we have the necessary security and traffic control plan and other City resources available for this event.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns, you may contact me at (216) 664-2227.

Sincerely,

Karrie Howard, Director
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Approved:

Kevin J. Kelley, President
Cleveland City Council

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