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John Ledecy, Scott Malkin, and Charles Wang
Islanders Executive Offices
Northwell Health Ice Center
200 Merrick Avenue
East Meadow, NY 11554

Dear Mr. Ledecy, Mr. Malkin, and Mr. Wang:

It has come to our attention that the Islanders may be in the need for a new home after the 2017-18 season. Recognizing that many issues will complicate your decision making, we would nonetheless like to offer Hartford's XL Center as an option for your interim use. Of course, as we pursue the transformation of the building into today's NHL standards, we would suggest the building as a long-term solution to your needs as well. We are certainly willing to work with private partners to develop the building you would be proud to call home and to adjust our development plans to the needs of your club and fans.

Hartford offers an NHL market with more Fortune 500 companies than many NHL cities including Columbus, Raleigh, Buffalo, and Nashville, with a substantial number of second-stage growth companies. Thirty-five percent of the households within 60 minutes have an average income over \$100,000. There are 1.2 million people within a 30-minute drive and 3.1 million within 60 minutes.

Of course, Hartford was home to the Whalers, whose fan base is still ranked as one of the NHL's most energetic with the continued sale of items trademarked with the classic green and blue logo. This is a ready market anxious for an NHL team, eager to fill seats, buy merchandise, and support your team. Your AHL affiliate is in nearby Bridgeport, allowing quick and easy access to your minor league players, and represents a footing in Connecticut of the Islander franchise.

We are in the process of installing a new ice floor and dasher boards at the XL Center. The building has had some fan amenities and new team facilities upgraded over the last several years, and we have a program in place to undertake more work. We would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss an agreement and show you the potential of Hartford. We stand by to assist you evaluate this option and work to make it real.

Sincerely,



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