



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

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Office of Mayor William Peduto

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the National Society of Black Engineers to the City of Pittsburgh. I want to thank you for choosing to host your event for the third time in our city at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

When I learned your theme for this year was "Ignite. Imagine. Innovate" I realized how perfect a fit Pittsburgh was for this fine organization. Though we are known as the Steel City, innovation is our true legacy. Innovation led our forbearers to develop the Bessemer process for rapid steel production. Innovation led our universities to define technological growth after the steel industry's collapse. Innovation guides our hospitals today as they produce groundbreaking research to advance medical breakthroughs.

During your time in Pittsburgh, I encourage you to embrace the Pittsburgh of today. Exploring our Oakland neighborhood will provide a front row seat to the transformation I've described. That transformation has been led by originations like the National Society of Black Engineers, intelligent citizens who work together to break barriers and create the next generation of innovative work.

I wish you the best during your time in Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,

William Peduto
Mayor of Pittsburgh