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Dear Dr. Kirk:

On behalf of the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioner's Association (CCA II), I am requesting consideration for funding to provide partial team travel expense reimbursement to the institutions participating in the Disney Division II Men's & Women's Basketball Tip-Off Classics.

Currently, through the efforts of the CCA II, the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classics receive a special exemption from the NCAA. This exemption allows the eight participating women's teams and the eight participating men's teams to play three games each against top NCAA Division II competition, prior to the beginning of the regular-season, without having to count the games against the NCAA annual limit on the number of contests. Over the past nine years, with the tremendous support of Disney Sports, NCAA Division II, and the CCA II, the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classics have become premiere events for NCAA Division II.

However, we are now at an important time in the history of the tournaments. When the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classics were originally established at *Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex* in the Walt Disney World (Florida), the idea was that the participating teams would come from each of the eight NCAA Division II Regions. In the early years, the CCA II was able to select national fields and meet this goal. However, institutions that have farther to travel to Florida may have to spend between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to send a team to the Tip-Off Classics. In an era when athletic budgets have gone through severe cuts, it has now become very difficult to attract teams to the tournaments from all of the DII regions.

To begin addressing this problem, the CCA has had extensive discussions with Disney Sports Attractions. In addition to maintaining the games at the original site in Walt Disney World, Disney Sports is now offering to host games simultaneously at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California. By establishing this bi-coastal format, we not only will be able to provide many more Division II

