## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject: Michigan Stadium

<u>Action</u>

Requested: Approval of Close Proximity Fireworks Display

## Background:

On September 27, 2025, country music artist Zach Bryan will perform in concert at Michigan Stadium before a sold-out crowd. The event is anticipated to draw over 110,000 attendees and will be one of the largest live music performances ever held in North America. To further enhance the fan experience for this major event, Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) proposes to hold a close proximity fireworks display. Fireworks would be utilized briefly (approximately 90 seconds) at the conclusion of the concert. This 90-second post-concert display would be staged from the rooftops of the east and west towers of Michigan Stadium.

AEG has selected Pyrotek Special Effects Inc. to produce and execute the fireworks display. Pyrotek has submitted all required documentation to the university's fire marshal, including information regarding its licensed pyrotechnic operators, years of experience, proposed fireworks inventory, and applicable insurance coverage. A full safety, fire protection, and security plan for the show has also been submitted and reviewed by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Risk Management, and Public Safety. AEG will formally contract with Pyrotek to deliver this fireworks production contingent upon final approval from the university's fire marshal, confirming that all safety, security, and fire protection requirements have been met.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the proposed close proximity fireworks display for the Zach Bryan concert on September 27, 2025, as outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,

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