

March 15, 2019
Government of Brazil
Mr. Jair Bolsonaro
Brasilia, Federative Republic of Brazil, 70040

Dear Mr. Bolsonaro,

I am writing to you to discuss the economic impact Carnival is having on Brazil. Every year Carnival is impacting Brazil in a positive way, the funding it takes to produce this festival is putting the economy in an all-time high.

It was confirmed in 2017 that Carnival brought in over \$11.14 billion dollars with a total of 10.69 million tourists. Then 2018 was even better raking in \$13.68 billion dollars and a total of 12.27 million tourists. The three main cities Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, and San Paulo are expecting big revenues from Carnival. Rio is going to get \$3.5 billion, San Paulo \$464 million, and Belo Horizonte \$1.3 million. In 2014 Carnival brought Brazil out of out a crisis and then it happened again in 2015, there were over 1.5 million visitors in those two years. Carnival might hurt a little, but it makes up for it when you look that the overview you will see that in the future that Carnival is going to help in the long run. In 2017 the hotels in all those cities collected and then 2018 they collected. Their revenue is at an all-time high since the early 90s.

Carnival is the highlight of everyone's year, it is a really amazing thing that Brazil gets to put on every year. I honestly think that the US and other places around the world could take a page from Brazils book, make a huge festival that is made for everyone to have a good time at. Its just a huge party celebrating Brazil the people are so proud of their country that they look to it every year, the 14 samba schools that get picked to be in the parade couldn't be happier to represent their families. Even the ones that don't get picked get to have their own parades around the cities, everyone joins in and dances and just have the best time of their lives. Carnival brings in so many tourists that seem to really like what Brazil is doing so that helps the hotels get more money and it also helps Brazil get publicity to the rest of the world.

In conclusion, Carnival is one of the best parts of Brazil. It brings in millions of dollars each year which is great for their economy because the more money they make the bigger and better the festival next year. It might look bad when you first look at the cost, but then afterward when you are swimming in all the money you made that year you will be glad you did. I know I am only a tenth grader, but my family lives in Belo Horizonte and they tell me how great this

festival is. Also how they love bringing my baby cousins to it and seeing the look on their faces as the dancing and the floats so by.

Sincerely,

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