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Dear Friends,

For many years Optimist International has encouraged involvement in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. We believe Scouting provides us with:

- A resource to attract families and their children
- An opportunity for community outreach
- A positive alternative for youth
- A way to develop youth and adult leadership

The BSA principles of duty to God and country, service to others, and respect for self are certainly compatible with our own belief and practices. Therefore, I am pleased to renew our standing endorsement of Scouting.

Sincerely,



Trip Gore
Executive Director

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