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To our USA Climbing stakeholders –

In follow - up to the last statement we issued on Tuesday of this week, I wanted to provide an update on the current status of our internal discussions regarding belay practices at USA Climbing events and programs, including the potential use of auto-belay devices for Speed climbing.

Our Board of Directors met last night and received an update from our Risk Management Committee. We have been in touch with our athletes, climbing equipment manufacturers, insurance providers, gym owners and managers in discussion of USA Climbing's belaying policies and will continue these discussions. This work has been ongoing and in depth, requiring more time and consideration than would have allowed for a recommendation prior to Youth Regionals. If any changes are planned for Divisionals, we will communicate them as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please continue to send your comments, questions, and concerns on this topic to [board@usaclimbing.org](mailto:board@usaclimbing.org).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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