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To All Members of USA Climbing:

Kynan Waggoner, the CEO of USA Climbing, has expressed his intention to step down by the end of calendar year 2018, giving the USAC Board of Directors sufficient time to identify a successor and to facilitate a smooth transition. Following his departure, Kynan plans to stay connected to his many friends within the USA Climbing community as he pursues other opportunities in the climbing business.

"It has been an immense privilege to serve USA Climbing, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved in the last 12 years," said Kynan. "We have experienced robust membership growth and are fortunate to have recently become a member of the Olympic family of NGBs. We continue to annually sanction and manage over 300 local, regional, divisional and national competitions at over 200 different climbing gyms and venues across the country. It has been tremendously gratifying to work with the USA Climbing community, including our staff, Board of Directors, members, volunteers, partner climbing facilities, and sponsors. After 12 years with USA Climbing, it is now time for me to move on."

We are fortunate to have had Kynan at the helm during this transformational period in our history. Kynan's unique combination of passion, vision and deep understanding of the climbing industry have driven our growth while preserving our culture of camaraderie, excellence and strong governance.

The Board is currently convening a search committee to identify Kynan's successor. This effort will be led by Greg Padovani, Sr, Chair of the USAC Nominating and Governance Committee (NGC). If you would like to be considered as a member of the search committee, please contact Greg at greg@usacimbing.org

We will have opportunities to make a farewell toast to Kynan before his departure, but for now please join me in thanking Kynan for his tremendous contributions to USA Climbing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patti Rube".

Patti Rube
President, USAC Board of Directors



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