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Dear USAC Board of Directors, USA Climbing Staff and Volunteers, and above all, USA Climbing athletes,

This letter is to serve as my official letter of interest for the athlete position on the Board of Directors at USA Climbing.

I have been a climber for nearly 25 years now and have seen the sport grow from a being barely recognized as a hobby to an olympic sport, and I have had the great privilege to be involved in a lot of those steps along the way: I was one of the first people in USA Climbing to be recognized as a Level 1 routesetter; I competed as a youth in adult bouldering competitions before there was a youth series available for our competitors; I have competed in many USAC National competitions, going to finals several times and representing USA at World Cup level competitions many times over; for nearly ten years, I coached one of the nation's premier youth teams; and I have had the honor of being nominated by USAC and accepted by the IFSC to be one of only a few active international routesetters representing our country on the international stage and was given the great honor of being the only American routesetter at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

All of that is to say that I have seen our sport blossom into the worldwide phenomenon it is today, and I would be honored to have the opportunity to be able to further shape our sport for years to come by representing our athletes and serving on the Board of Directors for USA Climbing. I currently represent our athletes on USA Climbing's Nominating and Governance committee, Athletes Advisory Committee, and have served on multiple Judicial hearing panels,

As a competitor, as a coach, as a volunteer judge, and as a routesetter, I have a varied and deep understanding of the opportunities we are presented with and am well aware of some of the challenges that lie ahead. We are at a pivotal moment in our sport's history and have the unique opportunity to shape the future of our sport both domestically and abroad. For years, USA Climbing has led the way with having some of the best athletes and most widely watched competitions in the world, and I want for us to continue to lead in all of those areas and more. I think that we as USA Climbing athletes have a responsibility to be stewards of our sport and would be honored to help drive

I believe that by voting for me, you vote for years of experience in all aspects of USA Climbing, but especially as someone that cares deeply about how those decisions affect our athletes. At USA Climbing, we have seen our athletes achieve so much already - from winning world cups, to being one of only two nations to qualify four Olympians, to many years over youth world champions and I believe that if we

continue to prioritize our athletes in all of our decisions, that we will see that success continue for years to come.

I take this responsibility seriously and I would be honored to receive your vote. If you should have any specific questions or suggestions, I would be happy to hear them and look forward to serving our athletes for years to come.

Sincerely,

Garrett Gregor